

Fifth Grade Newsletter for the Week of November 4, 2024

Upcoming Events

Friday, November 8 – Chemistry demonstration

November 22 – Explorers Day – Each class will need at least four volunteers to help our students navigate the high seas on their search for golden treasure. Let your classroom teacher know if you can help.

November 25-29 – Thanksgiving Break

December 11 – Field trip to the Catamount Institute

Here's a look at the week ahead:

Spelling

We will enter the words of List 6, with a **test of those words on Friday, November 8.**

Math

We continue our unit on multiplying fractions. We will cover Lessons 5-5 through 5-8, Monday through Thursday.

History

We will delve into the sugar trade, the slave trade, and the triangular trading routes between Europe, Africa, and the Americas.

Science

We will be doing a hemlock nature study and looking at our plant cuttings to see what they need to survive.

Writing

We continue the Research and Writing unit by working on our explorer essays.

Poetry Recitation

The final graded in-class recitation of the entire Gettysburg Address will be done this week.

The whole fifth grade class will recite the Gettysburg Address during the Friday assembly of November 8. Parents are welcome!

We will then recite it for the TCA Veterans Day assembly at the North campus on Monday, November 11. Guests are welcome although seating is limited.

Geography

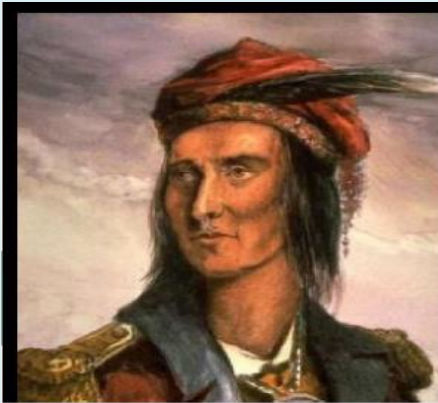
We are embarking on the task of memorizing all 50 states, capitals, and postal codes, e.g., Hawaii, Honolulu, HI. We begin with the first 15 states and capitals from the Western region. Students will be given a study guide, blank copies of which are available on the website. The test on the West/Southwest region states, capitals, and

postal codes will be on December 13. Subsequent tests will be held as follows: Midwest (Feb. 7), South (March 7), Northeast (April 4), and the All 50 states/capitals test will be on May 9. **Study early, study often.**

Character Corner

The character trait for the month of November is Gratitude. “Feelings of connectedness, elevation, humility, and indebtedness resulting from gratitude can motivate us to put forth more effort towards school, work, our communities, and our relationships, perhaps even prompting us to strive for goals we would otherwise not have thought possible. Gratitude may, therefore, have the power to do more than make us happy and motivate us to improve our own lives. It can inspire us to become more productive members of society and to be better citizens of the world.”

Source: [How Gratitude Motivates Us to Become Better People](#)



**When you rise in the morning, give thanks for
the light, for your life, for your strength.
Give thanks for your food and for the joy of
living. If you see no reason to give thanks,
the fault lies in yourself.**

- Tecumseh -