



Fifth Grade News

December 2024

IMPORTANT DATES:

12/04 TWO HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL FOR STUDENTS.

12/03 MRS. RENFROW AND MRS. RUSSELL CLASS ATTEND SWIMMING FIELD TRIP AT NORTH POINT HIGH SCHOOL.

12/05 MS. GUION'S AND MR. HEDGEMAN'S CLASS ATTEND SWIMMING FIELD TRIP AT NORTH POINT HIGH SCHOOL

12/09 INTERIM REPORTS POSTED

12/23—1/1 WINTER BREAK

ARE YOU READY FOR I-READY?

AS A REMINDER STUDENTS ARE USING "MY PATH" THROUGH I-READY TO IMPROVE BOTH THEIR MATH AND READING SKILLS. STUDENTS CAN COMPLETE I-READY LESSONS IN ADDITION TO TIME PROVIDED IN CLASS. THIS IS ENCOURAGED AS WE APPROACH THE WINTER BREAK.

5TH GRADE APPRECIATES ALL PARENTS THAT VOLUNTEERED TO CHAPERONE OR DONATE ITEMS TO MAKE OUR NANJEMOY TRIP IN NOVEMBER A SUCCESS.

Ms. Guion, Mr. Hedgeman, Mrs. Renfrow, Ms. Russell

WELCOME !

Fifth grade teachers remain excited as they continue to fill this school year with great learning opportunities.

The teachers are continually busy planning wonderful learning opportunities for all of our students, as we approach the mid-point of the second quarter. If you should want to contact any of the fifth grade teachers, please call the school at (301) 753 -1768 or email your child's teacher :

(srenfrow@ccboe.com, or trussell@ccboe.com, or jhedgeman@ccboe.com, or jguion@ccboe.com)

Please check your child's **White** Friday folder weekly. Your child's important information from the school are in these folders.

At Jenifer we take pride in our "Jenifer S.T.A.R." expectations. This extends to our S.T.A.R. Pledge in the morning to afternoon dismissal.

Here at Jenifer we are expecting **S.T.A.R.** behavior from all of our students.

S = Sit Up Straight in Seat

T = Track the Speaker

A = Answer and Ask Questions

R = Respect Self, Others, and Environment

Our school also expects to see our students displaying **S.H.I.N.E.**

S = Scholarly

H = Honor

I = Integrity

N = Never Give Up

E = Empathy

What are we learning this month?

Math

Fraction Action

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Fifth grade is approaching the end of Unit 3 which covers Multiplying and Dividing Fractions. In Unit 3 students are learning to write math expressions that represent diagrams of various types of fraction multiplied and divided by fractions, whole numbers and mixed

numbers. Students demonstrate their knowledge by creating and labeling area models and tape diagrams.

Turn and Talk



As with all Units students are encouraged to have meaningful discourse with their peers about what they are learning. Teachers present multiple opportunities to discuss strategies to solve problems and engage in their learning. Students can learn as much from each other as they can from their teacher. For this reason there is a school wide emphasis on **student discourse**. Take time to ask your child what they are learning in all subjects.

Reading & Writing

As the 2nd Quarter moves on 5th grade students will determine the main idea as they read *The Celestials Railroad*.



WHAT ARE WE LEARNING THIS MONTH?

As students analyze, synthesize and discover information they will be identifying what character traits were needed in people who settled the West.

With that Big Idea in mind students will read then read *A Pioneer Sampler* where they will focus on comparing and contrasting characters, setting and events. Rounding out the month students will be asking themselves “How can caring for the Earth and its living things improve life now and in the future?” as they determine two or more main ideas of a text.

Strategies

Reading higher level text requires different strategies. Students will learn to comprehend text by

- Asking and Answering Questions
- Visualization
- Monitor and Clarify

“Everybody has an Opinion”

This is certainly true with adults and especially 5th graders. So, students can look forward **writing opinion**

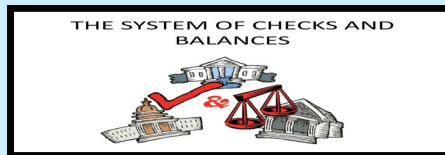
pieces on various topics and texts. But remember, you have to support your opinions with reasons and information (evidence). This should be fun. So, who’s better “LeBron or Jordan?”. Let’s read then write about it.

Small Group Work

Reading and Math will continue to emphasize the importance of small group learning. Students should approach small groups with a **positive attitude** and **ready to learn**. Teachers are working hard to provide specialized instruction in small groups that may not be provided in whole group lessons.

Social Studies

With the recent elections in our



county, state and country Jennifer Stars will have timely lessons about how the our Constitution has established a system of **check and balances**. The learning will lead to discussions about whether the recent Presidential election was the most important election in the country.

Compromise

It is said that all good relationship require compromise. But is this true when studying the *The Great Compromise* and *Three-Fifths Compromise* of the Early U.S.

Students will be surprised and intrigued by how and what the states compromised to in an effort to satisfy the majority.

Students will engage in simulations and role plays in an effort to better understand the events of this important time in United States History.

The Right Time and Right Place

How do people behave at a

- A Place of Worship?
- A Library?
- A Sporting Event?

Most of us know the expectations required at these places. At Jennifer the behavior expectation for the classroom, hallways, and cafeteria are paramount for a safe and pleasant school. Teachers will be **deliberate** and **intentional** in holding students accountable to these expectations. Please help us in encouraging your child to follow these expectations to create a thriving learning environment.

What is coming up next YEAR (January 2025)?

- 1/1 Schools and offices closed for the New Year.
- 1/2 Classes resume/I-ready testing window opens
- 1/20 Schools and offices closed in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King’s birthday
- 1/21 2nd Quarter Ends
- 1/21 3rd Quarter begins
- 1/27 Schools Closed for students

