

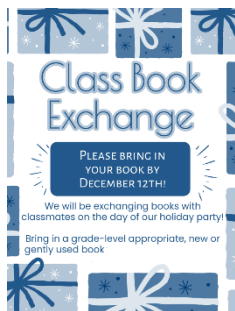
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Dear 5th grade parents,

Can you believe we are just one week away from Winter Break and halfway through 5th grade?! Students worked super hard this week on completing their iReady diagnostics, taking the math unit 4 test, and exploring WWII on our field trip yesterday! Early next week, we will finish up our last grades for the quarter and then enjoy time celebrating our success and hard work. Throughout the week, students will participate in holiday review activities, Explore Your Passion day and our Class Holiday Party on Wednesday (parents welcome)!

Book Exchange

We are asking students to bring in a book as part of our class book exchange, we'll be holding the last week of this semester. These books can be newly purchased or gently used but should be at an appropriate reading level for fifth graders. If you have not already sent in a book, please do so by Monday so we have time to ensure we have enough books for all students.



5th Grade Promotion Package

We are continuing to collect payments for our 5th grade promotion package! This \$30 fee helps to cover the cost of the 5th grade t-shirts that every student received in September as well as decorations and refreshments for our promotion ceremony in May. **Please follow this link <https://northwoodpta.membershiptoolkit.com/packet/14829> or scan the QR code on the flyer attached to this email if you have not paid already!** Graduation signs and yearbook dedications are also available for purchase to help celebrate your student's accomplishments! See the flyer for more information and to purchase!

Beanstack

We're excited to offer an optional way for you to support your child's reading at home through **Beanstack**, our school's reading log platform. You can help by logging your child's reading minutes each time they read—it's quick and easy! Each month, the top homeroom from each grade level with the most logged minutes will receive special recognition and be eligible for quarterly prizes!

Login Info:

- Download the Beanstack mobile app
- Search for Northwood Elementary
- Sign in With Classlink
- o **Username:** Your child's student ID
- o **Password:** Your child's date of birth (MMDDYYYY)

Young Georgia Author's Writing Competition

It's time for the annual Young Georgia Author's Writing Competition sponsored by the Georgia Department of Education.

The purpose of this competition is to encourage our K-5 students to develop enthusiasm for and expertise in their writing,

provide a context to celebrate their writing success, and recognize student achievement in the arts and academics.

What students can write:	Entries may include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The competition does not provide a prompt to which students must respond or provide any other boundaries to their genre choice or creativity beyond a 1900-word limit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Short Stories• Poetry• Essays/Literary Criticism/Analysis• Journalism

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If typed, double-spaced Times New Roman is preferred. • Completed independently without the support of teachers or parents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic/Research Reports • Personal Narratives • Any Other Original Student Writing
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Reminders

- When your child will be absent, email northwoodattendance@fultonschools.org (and copy me on it) to explain the reason for your child's absence. Please try to limit absences during the week so students do not fall behind in class!
- Email transportation changes to NWESdismissal@fultonschools.org (and copy me on it) before noon the same day.
- Please be sure to check and sign your child's agenda every night.
- Please make sure to send a coat with your child to school each day! We still go outside for recess if temps are above 32 degrees and want to make sure students are dressed appropriately for the weather.

Important Dates

- December 17th Class Holiday Party 10:30-11:30am (parents welcome!)
 Kinderbuddies
- December 19th Reading is a Gift/Explore Your Passion/Pajama Day
- January 5th Teacher Work Day (no students)
- January 6th First day of second semester
- January 19th MLK Jr. holiday (no school!)

Upcoming Grades	
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Monday - Dec. 15 th	ELA Unit 3 Test (major)
Tuesday - Dec. 16 th	Science Unit Assessment (major) - Long & Waters Social Studies Unit 3 Assessment (major) - Chaffer & Smith

Curriculum Notes

Math (On & Advanced): We will review multiplication and division strategies and begin comparing fractions.

ELA: We will write an argumentative essay about studying abroad and narrative short stories about winter.

Reading: We will take our **ELA unit 3 assessment on Monday and Tuesday**. We will also have Reading is a Gift on Friday!

Science (Long & Waters): We will review for and take our unit 4 assessment on Tuesday.

Social Studies (Chaffer & Smith): We will review for and take our unit 3 assessment on Tuesday.

AVID Goal: My goal is to take my fair share when offered something.

SSS: We will learn how to treat ourselves like a compassionate friend.

Have a great weekend and stay warm! 😊