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Dear 5th grade families,

We had a fantastic last week of the semester with our class party, book exchange, Explore Your Passion, Kinderbuddies, and Rockstar Awards!! Thank you to everyone who sent in gifts and contributions to our holiday party and a huge THANK YOU to our room parents who organized a wonderful winter party for all our students! After closing out this semester strong with our ELA, social studies, and science tests, students have definitely earned this winter break. We hope you all are able to rest, relax, and spend time with friends and family during this holiday season. We are looking forward to seeing students back at school and ready to kick off 2026 on a high note on January 6th! ❄️🧑‍🎓

Take Part in Northwood's Winter Break Challenge!

During the break consider our Winter Break Challenge which includes an activity to complete each day of the break. You can choose from iReady, Greg Tang Math challenges, reading and math fact practice. You can use any of the Greg Tang activities that are attached to this email or use this interactive [Grade 5](#) game board.

Attached to our weekly blast you will find the Winter Break Challenge form and Greg Tang math games. **Students who bring their signed Winter Break Challenge form and turn it in to Ms. Evangelista after the break will receive a special surprise!** If you are unable to print you can still participate in the fun and email your child's teacher or Ms. Evangelista (evangelista@fultonschools.org) to let us know you participated. Enjoy your break!

iReady Reports

iReady winter diagnostic reports went home on Wednesday for your review. Students completed the diagnostic assessment in the fall and again this month. The report that has been sent home shows your child's fall score as well as the newest, winter score so you can see your child's progress. The iReady diagnostic is a benchmark that places your child on his/her path in iReady and will support with lessons on skills that need more instruction as well as challenge in areas where your child is ready to move on. For more information, the video [Understanding iReady](#) will give you an overview of the iReady assessment and program.

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

Don't forget to log your student's reading over the break into Beanstack!! You can download the app or login through Classlink!

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. **Entries must be submitted to Evangelista@fultonschools.org by Wednesday, January 14th!**

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• Academic/Research Reports• Personal Narratives

<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"> • 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.
- If you did not at the beginning of the year, please be sure to send in a new 5 subject notebook with your student when we return!

Important Dates

Jan. 5th Teacher Work Day

Jan. 6th 1st day of second semester

Jan. 19th MLK Jr. Day (no school)

Curriculum Notes

Math (On & Adv): We will begin unit 5 by exploring how to compare and order fractions with like and unlike denominators. Be sure to practice math facts over the break!

Accelerated Math: We will start unit 5 by discussing equations and inequalities.

ELA: We will review expository techniques before writing and revising our own expository essays.

Reading: We will begin our new unit by learning new vocabulary that will be used throughout our new text set.

Science: We will start our next unit focused on physical and chemical changes.

Social Studies: We will start our new unit on World War 1 by looking into the causes of the war and the U.S.'s original stance on joining the war.

AVID goal: My AVID goal is to be the best person I can be.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season full of family, friends, and fun! See you in 2026!

