

## Fifth Grade Newsletter for the Week of January 19, 2026

### Upcoming Events

**January 19** – MLK holiday – no school

**January 20** – Hearing and Vision testing; students with glasses should wear them

**January 22** – Field Trip to North for performing arts concert

**January 30** – Renaissance Day

**February 13** – Teacher In-Service day, no school

**February 16** – Presidents Day, no school

Here's a look at the week ahead:

### Spelling

We will enter the words of List 13, with a test on these words on Friday, January 23.

### Math

We will have our review lesson, 8-8, on Tuesday, with Test 8 on Wednesday, January 21.

### History

Besieged by new and challenging ideas, the Catholic church calls the Council of Trent to make some changes to some of its practices and to double down on others. We will have a test on the Renaissance unit on February 4 (Birch/Walker) and February 5 (Kjeldgaard/Barrett).

### Science

We will learn about the geosphere and the rock cycle.

### Writing

We continue our unit on Writing from the Brain (or Inventive Writing).

### Poetry Recitation

Students are studying the poem The Road Not Taken, by Robert Frost. Recitations will be due the week of January 26.

### Geography

The test on the 12 states and capitals from the Midwest region is this Friday, January 23.

Subsequent tests will be held as follows:

February 27	South
April 3	Northeast
May 8	All 50 States and Capitals

**Study early, study often!**

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# Character Corner

Our character trait for the month of January is Humility, which involves conducting an accurate, honest self-assessment, recognizing one's limitations and place, keeping accomplishments in perspective, and minimizing of the self.

**Pride will encourage you to  
scream, "That's just the way I am"  
in hopes that you won't hear the  
soft whisper of humility asking,  
"Yes, but is that the way you  
should be?"**

Anonymous quote on humility