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5th Grade Newsletter

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Dear Families,

February already!!!! This month brings us into second semester with conferences right around the corner in early March! Where is our time going?! Please be sure to sign up for a conference time when the sign-up email comes out. We can't wait to chat about your children with you!

We will be doing Valentines this month too! It is not mandatory, but if students choose to do them they should bring one for every student in class, please.

Thank you again for your support, help, and flexibility as we navigate this year together!

February Goals...

Thank you in advance for taking a minute to discuss these areas with your child, so you can see how you can help them achieve our goals!! Please read these with your child as they are very important!

- **Homework Completion:** Each day we fill out our assignment notebook together. Students are encouraged to highlight work that they have completed, and then use this to ensure all homework is finished. ALL homework will be in cursive, complete sentences, done neatly, and must be finished to be deemed complete. Incomplete work will fall under our Late Work Policy.
- **Assignment Notebooks:** Students should be using this as a tool to complete their homework. If your child does not have this out while doing homework, please have them reference it. We fill it out together, and it has the information they need to complete all of their work to avoid incomplete homework. When signing, please be sure to look through their notebook and look at their assignments.
- **Study Skills:** In order to avoid inconsistent test scores, students should be using the study guides, notes, flashcards, and quizlet to study for tests and quizzes. We do a lot of studying in class, and we go over all study tools. Students need to be learning how to study at home on a nightly basis. Please remind them to review or help them set up a study schedule.



Important Dates...

- **February 16** No school for students
- **February 17** Arbitrary Monday
- **February 19** Culture Night & KAT Poster Contest begins

Curricular Extensions for Home...

- Please take time to study with your child for all subject areas.
- **Quizlet** -
<https://quizlet.com/join/KGvdVuHGU>

Class Summaries

Language Arts: We are finishing reading *Don Quixote* as a class. His silly adventures have definitely kept us entertained! In conjunction with this, the students worked on a persuasive essay. They have stated their claim regarding Don Quixote, as well as written their introductions, body paragraphs, and conclusion. We're looking forward to starting our state research paper soon!

Greek and Latin Roots: We will be working through Roots 31-36 with a quiz at the end of the month that is cumulative. Students need to know the root's definition and whether it is Greek or Latin.

Core Sayings: We are working through Lesson Six this month. The list and flashcards can be found in the Core Sayings section in their binder. We will have a test at the end of the month that is cumulative.

States and Capitals: We finished the Midwest States, and we will be moving on to Mountain States. These can be found in the states and capitals section in their binder. Students should know their location, the capital, and how to spell each one. Thank you for reminding your child to review these nightly!

Spelling: We are currently working up through Test 70. We will be working on about 4 lessons a week with a test every 5th lesson. Students should be reviewing spelling words nightly to prepare for upcoming tests!

History: We are moving onto Russia and Japan this month. Students need to be using their study guides and flashcards to review key people and concepts in order to be prepared for the unit test. Nightly review is imperative. Quizlet is available as well as study guides in their binder.

Science: We are finishing up our current unit with an animal report. The students will research and take notes on an animal of their choice, and how it fits into the biosphere as well as the food chain. We will then be starting our new unit on Protecting Earth's Resources. This unit focuses on the human use of natural resources, and the scientific ideas and technology that can be used to protect Earth's resources over time.

Mrs. DeGoey's Math: We will be moving onto lesson 68. In the upcoming lessons, we are working on adding and subtracting decimals as well as identifying fractions, percent, and decimals. Students are completing their assignments on time; however, they need to be double-checking their work for accuracy. Please remind your child to show work for all problems and look it over the night before.

Mrs. Foley's Math: We are currently on Lesson 70. Students are performing well, but they are starting to hit roadblocks as problems become more difficult. Please remind them to slow down, read problems carefully, and try to work through their mistakes. For some, they are becoming easily frustrated and seek out the answer in order to "get it done" rather than figuring out how to process through the problem for the future. Our lessons will continue to build and use multiple concepts together to answer questions.

Mrs. DeGoey's Reading: We have started *MidSummer Night's Dream* this month! This is a fun read and introduction to Shakespeare! This is tricky for students, so we do most of it together. It also goes quite quickly! When we finish, we will be looking at our final book of the year - *The Hobbit*!

Mrs. Foley's Reading: We have made it to novels!!!! Currently, we are reading *Little Women*. We will be housing all materials in our binder now under the reading tab. Homework will consist of finishing chapters, comprehension questions, and responses. Students are given examples of how to respond to these questions to help guide them. We will be reading this book for about a month.

Spanish: Students will learn content from the unit 6A from the book *Avancemos*. Students will learn about the house, bedroom items, electronic equipment, and colors.

Have a wonderful February!!!!