

February 23-27, 2026

## Important Dates

**March 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Conferences

**March 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Western Expansion Day

**March /17 & 18**  
Challenger Space Center

**March 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Poison Tree due

**March 23-27<sup>th</sup>**  
Spring Break

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Update

This week in 5th grade was a steady and productive one as we continued building strong routines and focusing on quality work. One special highlight was today's assembly, where our entire grade level confidently recited *The Road Not Taken* by Robert Frost. Students demonstrated strong memorization, clear speaking voices, and poise. We were proud of the way they supported one another and represented 5<sup>th</sup> grade so well.

We also began reading *Where the Red Fern Grows*, and students are already excited about the story. We spent time introducing the setting, characters, and historical context, and had thoughtful discussions about perseverance and determination, which are important themes that will continue to develop throughout the novel.

Parent Academy is coming soon. Here is a link to a [PDF](#) with more information about the academy.

## CMAS on Computers

The state of Colorado has taken away the paper-pencil testing option for CMAS. This means that our 3rd – 6th grade students will be taking the CMAS test in April on computers. If you would like to preview some sample questions, for your own information, or practice for your student at home, you can access the practice questions at this link: [Practice Tests | Colorado](#)

## Curriculum

**Spelling** – List 18 Rule 24

**Math** – Chapter 10.7-10 Test Friday

**Mr. Plott's Class**- Coordinates and Graphs

**Writing** –Unit 6 Multiple Source Writing

**Literature** –*Where the Red Fern Grows*

**History** –Westward Expansion

**Science** – Astronomy

**Geography** – Western States Due 4/3/26

**Recitations** – A Poison Tree Due 3/20/26

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