



5th Grade Newsletter

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Dear Families,

We hope you have plans for a wonderful Spring Break! The kids are so excited to have a week off! Whether you have a STAY-cation or a VACA-tion planned, we hope you make time to unwind, relax, and rest!

After Spring Break, we will be back for our 4th, and final, quarter of the year! Can you believe it?! We are almost finished with this school year! We don't even know where it went!

We have lots going on this month! Take a look below!

KAT: KAT is fast approaching! In our classrooms, we are very busy practicing. We have begun to go through the questions in a variety of ways. We have themed weeks for the month of April, so please have your child study nightly. We are shooting for a 100% class average, but we REALLY want 99%! Students should be reviewing their questions EACH night until they are getting 100 of them correct. **We will be having tests in each subject area the week of KAT for a grade.** These will go in their 4th quarter grades per our school policy. Look for this listing in your child's assignment notebooks! Students have also been asked to **dress up**, so they should be busy planning a costume! They can dress up as a question or answer from our questions. This is HIGHLY recommended! And of course, they should be looking for family donations as this is a very important fundraiser for our school. If you have questions, please let us know! Happy studying!

Testing: We will be conducting more **FORWARD Testing** on April 14th and 16th. Please try to have your child on time for school and ready to go! We will be testing in the morning!

Study Habits: Our Greek and Latin Roots, Core Sayings, and States and Capitals have really big lists now that we are ending the year. Please have your child review these areas weekly in preparation for these large cumulative tests! We also have larger units in science and history, so please take time a couple times a week to review these concepts as well!



Important Dates...

- April 7 - Return from Spring Break
- April 14 - FORWARD Testing
- April 16 - FORWARD Testing
- Week of April 20 - KAT Spirit Week; KAT Testing Week
- April 24 - KAT Day - DRESS Up Day!

Curricular Extensions for Home...

- Please take time to study with your child for all subject areas.
- Review KAT Questions together a couple times a week to review for our KAT Day!!!!
- **Quizlet** - <https://quizlet.com/join/KGvdVuHGU>

Class Summaries

Writing: We are finishing up our research paper and starting Lesson 3 in our Writing and Rhetoric book. This lesson focuses on narratives. We will learn the different types of narratives as well as outline and summarize narratives.

Greek and Latin Roots: We are working through Roots 43-50 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 Eight this month. The listing and flashcards can be found in their Core Sayings section in their binder. We will have a test at the end of the month that is cumulative. These are also on Quizlet.

States and Capitals: We are working through the Pacific Region this month. These can be found in their states and capitals section in their binder. **Students should know their location and the capital!** Please have them review nightly.

Spelling: We will be working up to Lesson 100 this month. We will be working on a lesson a day with a test every 5th lesson. Students should be reviewing spelling words nightly. Both classrooms should be using their resources to prepare for upcoming spelling tests.

History: We are finishing our Westward Expansion Unit, and then we will be moving into our Civil War Unit. This unit will be three parts: Causes of the Civil War, The Civil War, and Reconstruction. There will be a quiz after each section. This is a large unit, so we ask that students study nightly to keep up with the content! There are study guides, flashcards, and Quizlets to aid in their study efforts.

Science: We have begun our new unit on Earth in Space. Students have a booklet in their science section that we use in class. They should use this to review material and help them with their homework assignments. Students typically have homework a few times a week. All answers can be found in their booklet.

Mrs. DeGoey's Math: We are on Lesson 92. We are working on simplifying improper fractions to simplest form and dividing two-digit numbers. Students will also practice reading bar graphs, using ratios and reciprocals. Students should continue to review addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts for faster recall. You can also help your child by reviewing basic facts at home on a regular basis. In addition, please review your child's homework assignment nightly to help them catch math errors prior to grading in class.

Mrs. Foley's Math: We are currently on Lesson 95. Students are still performing well, but I am noticing that daily scores are dropping a bit. 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 *The Hobbit*. This is a fan favorite! With this book, we do assign some reading as well as questions. Our focus shifts to more in depth questions that require Mirror, Answer, and support from the text.

Mrs. Foley's Reading: We are currently reading *Tom Sawyer*. The students enjoy reading about all the mischief Tom gets into! We will also continue to work on our RACE responses.

Spanish: Students will learn content from the unit 6B from the book *Avancemos*. Students will learn about household chores and the present progressive tense (-ing in Spanish.) Students will also learn how to tell someone what to do. Supporting materials will be available on Canvas (optional).

If you have any questions, please reach out and I'll be happy to talk to you.

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Have a wonderful April!!