



Fifth Grade

Journey Day

September 25, 2026

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Missions

****Required**

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Expeditions

****Optional**

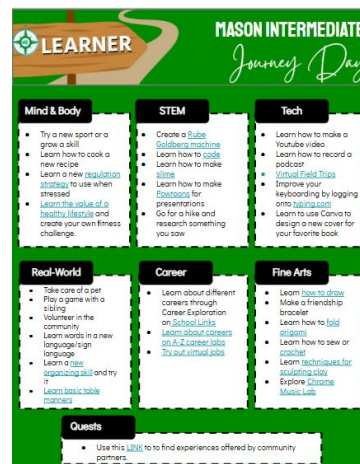
Expeditions Menu

This menu is packed with exciting, optional activities that let you explore, create, and learn in new ways.

How to Use It:

- **Explore the Menu:** Each section has different kinds of activities.
- **Pick Your Path:** Choose an activity that sounds interesting or fun.
- **Dive In:** Try it Out! Give your best effort and enjoy the adventure.
- **Repeat or Try Something New:** Love an activity? Try it again OR explore a new one next time.

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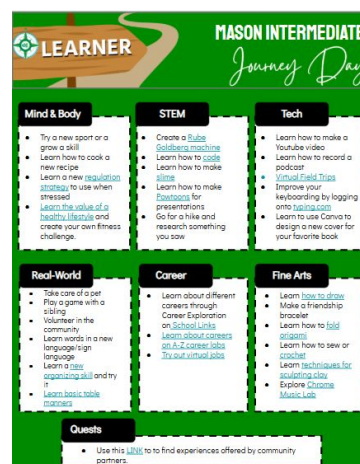
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K-6 MODIFIED JOURNEY DAY CHOICE BOARD

On each Journey Day, choose activities from your choice board that help you practice **Portrait of a Comet** skills.

Mark or fill in each square as you go so that you can share with your classmates!

 Adaptability	 Critical Thinking	 Integrity	 Communication	 Empathy
Choose and prepare your own snack or lunch.	Help put groceries away in the correct place.	Choice Activity!	Order your own dinner at a restaurant.	Complete a job around the house for someone who needs help.
Listen to new music or make up a new dance to your favorite song	Create your own Activity. _____	Pick up your toys or games without being asked.	Practice introducing yourself to family members or friends	Choice Activity!
Try a new food or activity	Help with cooking for lunch or dinner.	Help clean off the table after dinner.	Choice Activity!	Write a kind note or draw a picture to share with someone.
Choice Activity!	Complete an art project about YOU and your strengths!	Help with yard work or recycling.	Call or FaceTime a family member.	Help take care of a family or friend's pet.
Count money with a partner at home and pay for an item.	Choice Activity!	Put away your own laundry.	Take turns when playing a game.	Help a parent or sibling without being asked.