

5th Grade Newsletter for the Week of September 21, 2026

Coming Attractions:

September 22 – Field trip to the Catamount Institute

September 25 - Grandparents Day

Here's a look at the week ahead:

Spelling

We will enter the words of List 4, with a **test of those words on Friday, September 25**. All spelling lists are available for downloading/printing on the East 5th grade website.

Math

Lessons 3-1 through 3-3. No math on Tuesday or Friday.

Science

We will explore the elements which make up the world around us through an analysis of the periodic table of elements.

History

We will begin our next unit in History – the Golden Age of Exploration, beginning with an introduction to the reasons Europeans began setting out and seeking new lands.

Writing

We continue our work with the EIW Story Sequence Chart, rewriting in three paragraphs the tales of Two Frogs and a Well and the Lion and the Shepherd.

Poetry Recitation

We have begun our next memorization and recitation piece, The Gettysburg Address. Every student has been provided a copy; additional copies may be printed off the website. This speech will be broken up and memorized in four chunks, the first of which (“Four score → great battlefield of that war.”) will **be due for recitation this week, the week of September 21**. The remaining due dates are:

Second chunk: “We have come → to add or detract.” – due Oct. 5

Third chunk: “world will little note → last full measure of devotion” – due Oct. 19

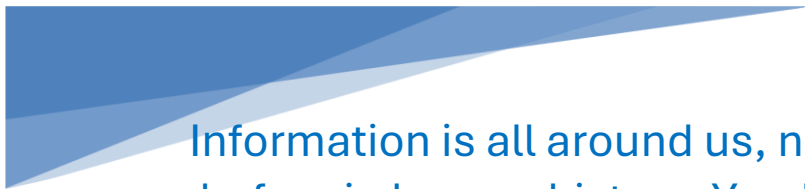
Fourth chunk: “that we here → from the earth.” – due Nov. 2

Practice early, practice often!

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Character Corner

Our character trait for the month of September is Curiosity. This trait will serve you well throughout your lifetime. Seeking, questioning, and wondering will not only allow you to experience a much richer life, but you will be able to explore together with others as they wonder the same things too.



Information is all around us, now more than ever before in human history. You barely have to stir or incommode yourself to find things out. The only reason people do not know much is because they do not care to know. They are incurious. **Incuriosity is the oddest and most foolish failing there is.**

Stephen Fry