5th Grade Newsletter for the Week of October 5, 2026

Coming Attractions:
October 8 & 9 – Parent-Teacher Conferences – If you have not already done so, please contact your homeroom teacher to schedule a convenient time.

Here's a look at the week ahead:

Spelling
No Spelling due to our short week.

Math
Lessons 3-8 and 3-9 on Monday and Tuesday, with Test 3 on Wednesday, October 7.

Science
We will examine various elements of the periodic table and test their properties.

History
After the successes of Portugal in its explorations, Spain was ready to enter the picture as the Catholic Monarchs agreed to finance the voyage of Italian Cristoforo Colombo. Without diplomatic intervention, Spain and Portugal now seemed destined for war.

Writing
Teacher choice.

Poetry Recitation
We continue our work on The Gettysburg Address. Every student has been provided a copy; we are reciting it in unison every day. This speech will be broken up and memorized in four chunks, the first two of which ("Four score and seven → poor power to add or detract.") will be due for recitation the week of 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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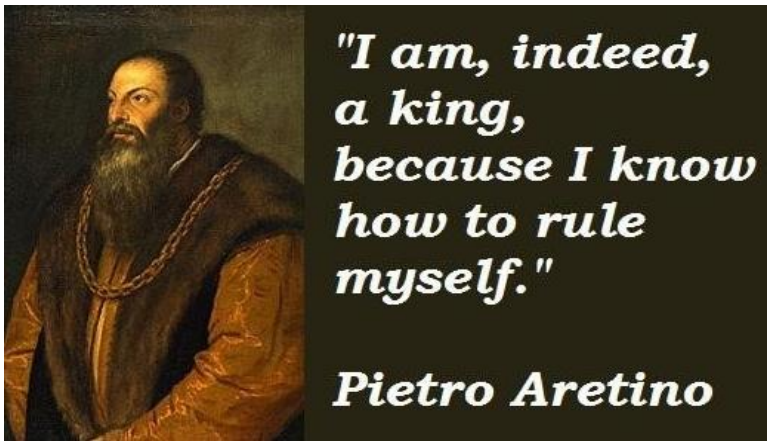
Character Corner

The character trait for the month of October is Self-Regulation. Behaviorally, self-regulation is the ability to act in your long-term best interest, consistent with your deepest values. Emotionally, self-regulation is the ability to calm yourself down when you are upset and cheer yourself up when you are down.