5th Grade Newsletter for the Week of November 16, 2026

Upcoming Events
November 20 – Explorers Day – How are the costumes and props coming along?
November 23-27 – Thanksgiving Break

Here's a look at the week ahead:

Spelling
We will enter the words of List 10, with a test on List 10 on Thursday, November 19.

Math
Lessons 5-11 on Monday, practice on Tuesday, and Test 5 on Wednesday, November 18. We will begin chapter 6 on Thursday.

Science
We will be looking at our plant cuttings for the last time and seeing what a plant needs to grow.

History
We will wrap up the Explorers unit, including a game of Explorers Jeopardy.

Writing
We will finalize our explorer essays and presentation speeches and get to do some holiday-themed story writing.

Poetry Recitation
Recitation of The Arrow and the Song, by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow will be done this week.

Geography
We are memorizing all 50 states, capitals, and postal codes, e.g., Colorado, Denver, CO. We have the first 15 states and capitals from the Western/ Southwestern regions. Students have been given a map/study guide, blank copies of which are available on the website. The test on the West (11 states) and Southwest (4 states) region states, capitals, and postal codes will be on December 11. Subsequent tests will be held as follows:

December 11 West/Southwest

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January 22	Midwest
February 26	South
April 2	Northeast
May 14	All 50 States and Capitals

Character Corner

The character trait for the month of November is Gratitude. "Feelings of connectedness, humility, and indebtedness resulting from gratitude can motivate us to put forth more effort towards school, work, our communities, and our relationships, perhaps even prompting us to strive for goals we would otherwise not have thought possible. Gratitude may, therefore, have the power to do more than make us happy and motivate us to improve our own lives. It can inspire us to become more productive members of society and to be better citizens of the world."

