



# 5<sup>th</sup> Grade News

February 2012

## -----Math-----

We are nearing the end of our Factors, Multiples, and Fractions unit. We anticipate the post-test being Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our next unit will be Algebra! Although algebra is somewhat scary, the fifth grade concepts are fairly basic.

## -----Reading-----

In addition to guided reading, each of the classes is beginning to review specific reading skills to prepare for the upcoming state assessments in March. The fifth grade will take the Reading State Assessment on March 6-8. You will receive information regarding your child's progress during your parent/teacher conference.

## -----Writing-----

In English, we will be working on a Valentine Contract. The students will be able to choose to do all of the even assignments or all of the odd assignments (1-10). They will begin working on them on February 1<sup>st</sup>, and the folder of completed assignments will be due on February 15<sup>th</sup>. The contract includes several language arts assignments related to Valentine's Day with one 5-paragraph essay. I would encourage the students to complete the essay first because it is the longest assignment. Students should be able to complete the contract by working in English class each day. If they get behind, they may take it home for homework.

## -----Social Studies-----

We have discovered that life was much different during the Colonial Era than it is now. Most 10 and 11 year-olds worked either on their family farm or as an apprentice in a large city. There was not much time to relax or play with friends, and life was tough. We will continue our study of this time period and begin to learn why the colonists become unhappy with British rule. It is the start of something BIG!

## -----Science-----

We have just finished learning about the circulatory system and will be starting the immune system next. The Red Cross came to share about blood donation. That was a fun day. We only have 2 more systems to go: nervous and integumentary (the skin). It has been a long and sometimes hard road through the body, but a fun one!

### Important Dates

February 1 <sup>st</sup>	Early Dismissal
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	Valentine's Party
February 15 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	P/T Conferences
February 16 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup>	No School
February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Skating Party 6-8
February 29 <sup>th</sup>	Early Dismissal

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Student of the Month!

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