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## Article 5 - Writing/Grammar

This nine weeks we will be focusing on Persuasive writing as we continue to prepare students for the writing assessment in March. Students will be writing persuasive pieces in all subject areas. We will continue to use writing workshop to reinforce the writing expectations for fifth grade. We will also focus on verb tense, capitalization, correct punctuation, comma use, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences. Students will apply all of our grammar focuses to their writing pieces.

Remember, "You only learn to be a better writer by actually writing." - Doris Lessing. Therefore, please encourage your children to write at home also.

## Article 6 - Reading

This quarter we will be focusing on skills to help our students become lifelong readers. Teachers will continue to assist students with choosing books that are on their level and that are of interest to them. Teachers have given all students a reading log and students are expected to be reading nightly. This nine weeks we will be focusing on organizational patterns such as comparing and contrasting and chronological order. In addition, we will continue to work on identifying facts and opinions and making inferences while reading. Students are encouraged to read for 100 minutes weekly so that they can add entries to their Reading Log and achieve his/her individual reading goal. We encourage you to visit the Book Adventure website, where students are taking quizzes on the books they are reading. Happy reading!

## Article 7 - Science

Fifth grade students will explore several exciting areas of our curriculum during the second nine weeks. We will begin by identifying the differences between beneficial and harmful microorganisms. Then we will discover how different features of the earth are caused by constructive and destructive forces. We will continue to utilize the cutting edge technology in Chesney's science lab to make hands-on learning fun and exciting! Parents are always encouraged to help with our science activities by discussing these topics at home and helping students research them using other available resources such as CD-ROMs, encyclopedias, children's science books, television science programs and learning centers.

## Article 8 - Social Studies

Throughout the 2<sup>nd</sup> nine weeks we will be focusing on Reconstruction and the effect it had on all Americans. Students will be able to identify and locate important places in the United States associated with Reconstruction. We will also begin to explore how life changed at the turn of the century by focusing on immigration, inventions, and the economy. Students will also learn how amendments are added to the US Constitution and how the US Constitution protects citizen's rights.

So 5<sup>th</sup> grade, "Hold onto your hats, we have quite a journey ahead of us!"

## Upcoming Events & Contact Info.

Literacy Night: October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30

Election Day (no school): November 2<sup>nd</sup>

Parent Teacher Conferences: Nov. 8-12

Family Life Presentation: November 12<sup>th</sup>

Thanksgiving Break: November 22-26

Holiday Program: December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30

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*AKS Covered in each subject these nine weeks:*

Health: 10-12

Math: 29-38

Reading: 45, 47, 51, 54-56

Writing: 64, 66, 67, 69, 71, 93-95

Science: 1-8

Social Studies: 35-45

