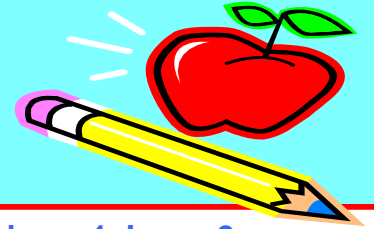


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Fifth Grade Classroom Newsletter



Article 1 - Intro...

This school year has gotten off to a wonderful beginning. Our students are making progress towards mastering the AKS's. We would like to thank all parents for your continued support. We are excited to announce the beginning of our new science and social studies program at the 5th grade level. You child will benefit from receiving regular and consistent instruction from a teacher who specializes in one of those content areas. Additionally, we would like you to join us in welcoming Ms. Kennedy who will be with us while Ms. Todd is on leave. We also encourage you to visit the family center to check out some of the wonderful academic materials such as SuccessMaker for home.

Article 2 - Spelling

We will continue the same spelling program by Rebecca Sitton as last nine weeks. The program continues to emphasize the learning of important words, not for a Friday Test, but for a lifetime of spelling in the real world – that is, spelling correctly in writing. Each unit focuses on different skill instruction (phonics, word origins. Spelling rules, usage, etc.), through your child's everyday writing, and through word study on specific words you child has not yet mastered. Each unit starts with a word preview, followed by engaging spelling activities throughout the week, and then ends with a word, skill, and proofreading test.

“Let's make your child's spelling growth a team effort – you, your child, and all of us here at school. We can work together to make your child a speller! Every child a speller.” - Rebecca Sitton

Article 3 - Math

For the second nine weeks we will be focusing on fractions. In addition to adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing them, students will be able to find equivalent fractions and compare fractions. Another focus for these nine weeks will be understanding the relationship between decimals, fractions, and percentages.. Through hands-on exploration, students will be see the relationships between decimals and fractions and use them interchangeably. Students will also learn to model percentages on a 10x10 grid. All of this will be done through the on-going process skills of problem solving, investigations, thinking skills and the application of math in real life everyday situations. It is very important that all students have a secure knowledge of all their times tables, which we will be practicing in class, and would greatly appreciate your support in practicing them at home as well.

Article 4 - Health

As we expected, Ms. Hires has been a tremendous asset when it comes to teaching health. This quarter 5th graders will be participating in the Family Life Education lessons. These lessons will be age-appropriate, and treated factually and sensitively. We believe that it is important that all students be equipped with accurate and appropriate information about these topics. Upon completing the educational lessons, students will be able to describe the physical, emotional, and social changes that occur during puberty. In addition, we will be exploring various areas of nutrition. We will be learning how to interpret and utilize food labels to help us make healthy choices. We will be evaluating a variety of products using food labels and even plan a balanced diet for one day.