



Fifth Grade News

Language Arts

In January, we will finish persuasive writing. In February, we will concentrate on Expository Writing. Students will learn that this type of writing gives directions, explains something, or tells how a process happens.

Choosing proper transitional phrases, summarizing facts, and the trait of organization will take precedence in both writing forms.

We will also begin writing Young Author stories. Publication will take place at home. Final manuscripts are due to classroom teachers on February 28th.

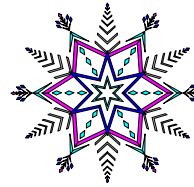
Reading

Students will enjoy novel studies as well as selections from our reading series. With these texts, we will work on identifying evidence for inferences, comparing narrative elements, supporting opinions and conclusions based on text, and distinguishing between significant and minor details.



Math

Our regular math focus month will be on using data as well as finding equivalent fractions, converting fractions to decimals and percents, and adding and subtracting fractions. This includes organizing data on stem-and-leaf plots. Math journal 2 will begin with a study of Exponents and Negative Numbers.



Accelerated math students will conduct paper throwing experiments to learn about aerodynamics and physics as well as calculating statistical landmarks. Then they will address number systems and algebraic concepts, and will begin Probability and Discrete Number Systems.

Social Studies

For January and February, students will continue learning about events leading up to and throughout the American Revolution. They will investigate the creation of the Constitution, the development of three branches of government, and the system of checks and balances. Then we will examine how our country continued to grow and expand our boundaries westward throughout the 1800s.

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Things to Remember

- ☺ Jan 15—No School for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- ☺ Jan 18—Slimy Science Curriculum Party
- ☺ Jan 19—NO SCHOOL Teacher Work Day
- ☺ Jan 26—Report cards go home
- ☺ Feb 12—LMC Reading Incentive sheets due
- ☺ Feb 16—No School for School Improvement Day
- ☺ Feb 19—No School for President's Day
- ☺ Feb 28—Young Author Final Manuscript Due

SCIENCE

Students have finished the study of small life by examining single celled organisms. Next we will begin our study of personal health care and social/emotional health care. Science classes will study Weather and weather instruments beginning at the end of February and continuing into March.