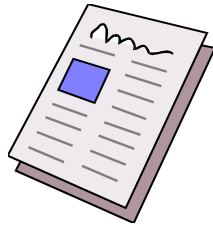


## 5th Grade Team's Classroom Tidbits



### Weekly Newsletter

October 5, 2009

#### Important Upcoming Dates:

October

9- Fund Run

14 - Early Dismissal

26-30 - Early Dismissal, Conference Week

November

6 - Picture Retake Day

#### A message from the 5th Grade Team:

We hope this newsletter is an easy way for all parents to stay informed and up-to-date about the many activities the fifth grade students enjoy each week. Please feel free to contact any one of us about specific subject-related questions or concerns about upcoming events.

#### PTSA Information:

The PTSA web site is very informative. Please explore online at <http://www.meptsa.org>.

#### Writing:

We'll be working on revision this week. Students will learn a technique of writing from inside a memory to make the reader feel as though he or she is there inside the story. We will work on paragraphing to support elaboration and will end the week learning to stretch the "heart" of the story. Writers will work with checklists to evaluate their work so far. Let me know if you have questions.

#### Reading:

Houghton Mifflin Leveled Reading Passage testing all week.

#### Math:

This week we are beginning chapter 2. Our focus at the beginning of the unit is on rounding and estimating (using those place value skills from chapter 1). I should have the chapter 2 pretests corrected and ready to hand back to students on Tuesday. Pretests need to be signed by an adult at home and returned to me for safekeeping during our unit. You are welcome to keep the actual test for review and practice at home, and just send back the learning target coverpage, if you would like.

**Science/Technology:**

This week we are continuing investigating pendulums and the affects of string length on the number of swings in 15 seconds. Students will be graphing data and concluding the investigation. We will be spending a day in the computer lab setting up our web pages! Student work should be posted and ready to go soon! A permission request will be sent home on Tuesday. Please read, sign, and return as soon as possible. Once parent permission is allowed and your child has an eFolio post, your child's web site will be live!

**Homework:**

Any work not finished at school is expected to be completed at home. Each student will have a weekly morning packet to be completed and turned in. This is expected to be worked on each day when students finish work in class. If work is not finished at school and not completed as homework, students will miss recess and attend Study Hall to complete their work. Students will also miss Friday Club if all work is not turned in.

**Portal Information:**

Please visit <http://schools.mukilteo.wednet.edu/me/fifth/index.htm> , the fifth grade, online. You will find our Curriculum PowerPoint presentation, as well as any handouts you may find useful. The daily assignment sheet, student worksheets and rubric information are also available at this online location.

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