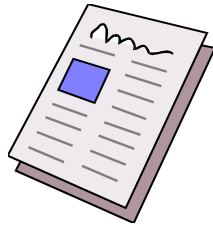


5th Grade Team's Classroom Tidbits



Weekly Newsletter

October 12, 2009

Important Upcoming Dates:

October

14 - Early Dismissal

15 - Last day to turn in Fund Run Pledges

26-30 - Early Dismissal, Conference Week

November

6 - Picture Retake Day

6 - Early Dismissal Day

11 - Veterans Day - No School

25 - Early Dismissal

26-27 - No School, Thanksgiving Holiday

December

4 - Early Dismissal

21-31 Winter Break, No School

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:

Students will be working off a writer's checklist to close in on final revisions and editing of their personal narratives. The grammar work this week will be on recognizing and collecting the four different types of sentences: declarative, imperative, interrogative, and exclamatory. Students will also continue to collect words from their reading to improve their vocabulary and language awareness.

Reading:

Houghton Mifflin Leveled Reading Passage testing Tuesday and Wednesday for some blocks. Then we are moving on to how to read and answer a reading question at a 5th grade level, and goal setting.

Math:

Our focus this week is on a new problem solving strategy, working backwards. Students may still draw pictures, create charts or lists, and use algorithms to solve the problems, but they are learning how to read a story problem and determine if they should work backwards through the problem, or use the previous strategy taught (guess and check). We are also working on subtracting and adding whole numbers and decimals this week, which will draw upon our place value skills once again. Students have been given the opportunity to use graph paper to solve their problems on, so if your child is making mistakes in their homework, please encourage them to ask for graph paper.

Science/Technology:

This week we are focusing on our eFolios/Web Sites. Students are learning to create an image of projects or assignments of their choice, and making them web site friendly. The images are linked to individual web sites. If you have not returned the web site permission slip, please do so as soon as possible.

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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