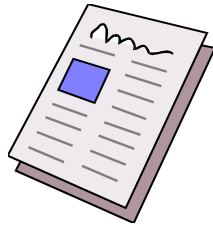


## 5th Grade Team's Classroom Tidbits



### Weekly Newsletter

October 19, 2009

#### Important Upcoming Dates:

##### **October**

26-30 - Early Dismissal, Conference Week

##### **November**

6 - Picture Retake 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:

This week we're in the final editing/publishing week of the personal narrative unit. Students will be typing their revised drafts into a Publisher document, editing for the conventions taught so far, and will be binding these pages into a book cover that they have designed and produced. Look for the final product, a bound personal narrative, at conferences. In addition, this week we'll be working on identifying the subject and verb of the four types of sentences the students collected last week as well as finding sentence fragments in published writing to determine when a fragment can be used stylistically, and becomes more than just an incomplete sentence. Let me know if you have any questions!

### **Reading:**

This week, we are reading the story, "Michelle Kwan: Heart of a Champion." We are also working on the reading strategy of inferring; using text clues, and our experiences in a similar situation, or comparing how we might feel in the same situation, to understand how the character is feeling, or what actions they might take further in the story. We will continue with goal setting and vocabulary practice.

### **Math:**

This week we are wrapping up chapter 2 by learning the addition properties and practicing adding and subtracting mentally. Next week we will have review time along with taking our final test for the chapter.

### **Science/Technology:**

This week we are beginning a Lifeboat investigation. Students will construct paper cup boats varying in height. Then they will find the capacity of fluid in each boat using a graduated cylinder. Finally, they will conclude their findings relating capacity versus the number of passengers (pennies) each boat can hold.

### **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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