

Fifth Grade Fundamentals

September 2009

September Events:

- 1 **Dancing Classrooms**
- 3 **Dancing Classrooms**
- 7 **No School – Labor Day**
- 10 **Skating Party**
- 11 **Dancing Classrooms**
- 17 **Open House**
- 18 **Dancing Classrooms**
- 24 **School Carnival**
- 25 **No School**
- 28 **No School**

Great Start to the School Year

We are off to a wonderful start of the 2009-2010 school year. It has been fun to see how excited and eager the students are to do their best. We would like to thank all of the parents for the support and guidance that you have provided your child in order to help them be successful.

It is our hope that this monthly newsletter will serve as a valuable communication tool and assist us in our quest to develop a partnership with all of you and enable us to make this the best year yet.

Language Arts and Literacy

Our fifth graders have been working hard building their reading stamina and working on routines and procedures. We are happy to announce that we have received the new Harcourt reading textbooks. The fifth graders will be working in numerous small groups throughout the year in reading as we work to deliver our lessons in a variety of ways in order to meet the needs of each and every student.

News Bowl

We have a special emphasis on current events this year. News Bowl is an online interactive current events competition. Please talk with your child about the news on a daily basis. This would be a great discussion in the car or at the dinner table.

Math

Number Sense is our main focus in math at the current time. We expect the students to be able to read, write (in standard, word, and expanded form), round, order, and compare whole numbers, decimals, and fractions.

It has been encouraging to see how well these students are doing with Number Sense to this point.

The next few weeks could prove to be a bit more challenging as we delve into decimals and fractions.

Social Studies

Ask your child about the regions and climates of the United States. We had some great discussions on where each student would like to live and why.

Our next topic of study will be the early migration to the Americas. Fascinating!

Remember: Your child should be learning the United States capitals and states at home. They will have a quiz over this information in December.

Science

We have been learning about weather and its power. Your child should be well aware of weather hazards and the appropriate precautions to take.

Mrs. Jodi McCoy, a Heartland React volunteer, presented "Before the Siren." This program was developed by trained storm spotters and emergency communication experts.

Coming Soon:

The Water Cycle

Nightly Tasks

- Complete Daily Assignments
- Practice Math Facts
- Study States and Capitals
- Review Corrected Daily Oral Language Sentences
- Read

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