

Fifth Grade Fundamentals

October 2009

October Events:

- 1 **Picture Day**
- 2 **Dancing Classrooms**
- 6 **Dancing Classrooms**
- 9 **Dancing Classrooms**
- 13 **Dancing Classrooms**
- 16 **Dancing Classrooms**
1st Quarter Ends
- 20 **Dancing Classrooms**
- 21 **P/T Conferences**
- 22 **No School**
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- 27 **Dancing Classrooms**
- 29 **Dancing Classrooms**
- 30 **Halloween**
Parade and Parties

I-PICK a “Good Fit” Book

I choose a book.

Purpose – Why do I want to read this book?

Interest – Does it interest me?

Comprehend – Do I understand what I am reading?

Know – I know most of the words.

Nightly Tasks

- Complete Daily Assignments
- Study Spelling “Words to Learn”
- Practice Math Facts
- Study States and Capitals
- Review Corrected Daily Oral Language Sentences
- Read

Literacy – Genre Bingo

In keeping with our emphasis on literary genres, each fifth grader will be participating in “Genre Bingo.”

Students are expected to read “Good Fit” books representing five different genres and complete a project. The students will be assessed on each project/presentation.

We have encouraged all students to think beyond the traditional book report by creating power points, dioramas, podcasts, poster boards, advertisements, news reports, interviews, etc. – be creative.

All five projects must be completed by the final day of the first semester (which is scheduled to end on Friday, December 19).

Math

Students are continuing to work on Number Sense in preparation for the upcoming CRT.

Division review has taken us a bit longer than expected. It was fun to watch how excited the students were as they began to recall the steps that Mrs. Morin taught them last year.

Algebra and Problem Solving will be areas of focus as we continue through the quarter.

Please continue to review all math facts with your child.

Social Studies

We continue to study the first people and early cultures of North America. Stay tuned for information coming the middle of October on our first large project, European Explorers.

Your child should continue to work on learning the U.S. states and capitals at home. It might be fun to involve the entire family!

Homework

In order to continue meeting the needs of all students, it is necessary that all homework is completed carefully and ready for class the following day.

Please encourage your child to review the assignments each night – it is their understanding of this material that truly drives our instruction.

Science

Ask your son or daughter to sing the “Water Cycle Song.” They might even have a little dance to perform as well! Have you noticed your child wearing a colorful “water cycle” bracelet? Science is fun!

In October, we will continue to explore the processes and effects of weather and the water cycle on the earth.

Kumari Durick will be our guest speaker in science on October 19. She will be sharing recycling and other environmentally friendly ideas with us.

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