

Fifth Grade Fundamentals

November 2009

November Events:

- 2 **Cobra Corner**
- 3 **Dancing Classrooms**
- 5 **Dancing Classrooms
Hy-Vee Family Night**
- 10 **Author Visit
Dancing Classrooms**
- 12 **Dancing Classrooms**
- 17 **Dancing Classrooms**
- 18 **Book Orders Due**
- 19 **Dancing Showcase**
- 20 **Dancing Assembly
Skating Party 5-7**
- 24 **Mid-Quarter Reports**
- 25 **No School**
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100% Conference Participation – Thanks Parents!

Literacy

We are going to work throughout the month on helping our readers understand how fictional texts work in order to read them well.

Our writers will continue to utilize the writing process to write descriptively to tell stories and to inform their audience. Students will focus on the Six Traits and using sensory details as they write.

In order to meet the individual needs of each student, we will continue to use a variety of large group, small group, and independent instruction.

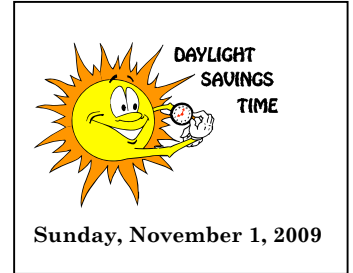
Math

Students have been divided into two math groups (Purple and Gold) since conferences.

This has made a tremendous difference in our ability to work with students at their levels and do a better job of identifying and meeting their needs.

We will continue to work on Estimation, Problem Solving, and Algebra throughout the second quarter as we prepare for our CRTs.

Students have enjoyed and done a great job with Hands-On Equations (Algebra).



Dancing Showcase

Parents, Family, and Friends
You are invited to attend a special
Dancing Classroom Performance

Thursday, November 19, 2009
2:00
Columbian School Gym

Social Studies

We are presently working on our Explorer Projects in Social Studies. Each student chose an explorer to research. These projects are due November 20 and the students will begin presenting their reports on that day.

Each fifth grader took a practice test over the U.S. states and capitals. We corrected this test in class and now each student knows exactly which states and capitals are left to learn. If you have not seen this practice test, please ask your child to show it to you. The final test will be given the last week of the semester.

Enrichment Opportunities

We have numerous enrichment activities/opportunities posted in our classrooms for your child. Please encourage them to participate in these "above and beyond" activities.

Check out Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Carruthers' Gifted/Talented webpage. You will find it to be very informative.

Nightly Tasks

- Complete Daily Assignments
- Study Spelling "Words to Learn"
- Practice Math Facts
- Study States and Capitals
- Review Corrected Daily Oral Language Sentences
- Discuss Current Events for NewsBowl
- Read

Science

We are wrapping up our unit on the Water Cycle over the next few weeks. Our next exciting unit of study will be over Light and Sound.

Last week our guest speaker, Kumari Durick, gave us a wonderful presentation about how important it is to take care of our earth. Are you recycling and reducing at home? Ask your child about ways you can be more earth friendly.

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