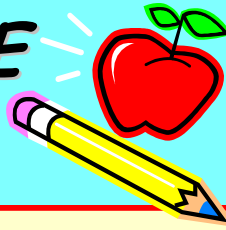




5TH GRADE NEWS



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Extra! Extra! Fifth Grade News!

What we learned this week in 5th grade...

In language arts this week, fifth-graders read a realistic fiction selection, *Carlos and the Skunk*. They determined why the author included certain details in her story, like describing Carlos' adobe home and love of salsa in order to inform us about the culture found in New Mexico, and the story of a skunk spraying Carlos in order to entertain us. Students also reviewed subject and object pronouns, and wrote stories about different animal defenses using our weekly vocabulary words.

In math the fifth grade was assessed on their mastery of multiplying decimal numbers. Tests were sent home, so please ask your student how they did! We began a new math chapter on dividing decimals by whole numbers and learned that all we have to do is slide the decimal up, and then divide like normal. Easy!

In science, students had fun reviewing what we've learned about animal reproduction for our assessment on Wednesday. Students also started to learn about the changes that the human body experiences during adolescence. It's a big topic, and we have lots of questions! We will continue our discussions next week.

Next Week in Fifth...

Language Arts

Weekly Theme: Democracy
Main Selection: *Getting Out the Vote*
Genre: nonfiction article
Skills: prefixes and suffixes, making generalizations, pronoun/verb agreement, accented syllables in homographs

Thursday: Language Arts Assessments

Math

Chapter 13 and 14—Division with Decimal Numbers
Skills: slide and divide, moving decimals in the quotient, decimal division bingo

Core Knowledge

Science—Life Cycles, Endocrine System, and Reproduction
Concepts: pituitary, thyroid, adrenal, and pancreas glands

Tuesday: Just Around the Corner puberty movie and discussion

Spelling Words

contest	content	protest
combat	permits	rebel
present	insert	desert
subject	minute	compact
conduct	contract	refuse
conflict	research	excuse
entrance	extract	doubting
allow	caution	effect
affect		

Reminders to Students

Fieldtrip permission forms and money due Wednesday, February 8th.

Bring in pictures of how you've spent your time away from TV. We want to see!

Reminders to Parents

Baby, oh baby! Don't forget to pick up something cute for baby to donate to our 5th grade silent auction basket by February 8th.

TURN OFF THE TV CAMPAIGN

Remember to make and keep your limited "screen time" goals as part of our "Turn Off the TV Campaign." This is the final week of our campaign with a Friday dress-down day for those who earn it! Think of fun new activities that you can do with family and friends that do not involve the TV or computer.

Core Virtue

loyalty:

being faithful and true to our duties, relations, and ideals

Upcoming Events

- Feb 7: SOM Lunch
- Feb 7: Just Around the Corner
- Feb 8: Baby basket donations due
- Feb 8: Fieldtrip permission forms due
- Feb 9: Day 6 PE
- Feb 10: CCS Silent Auction and Game Night
- Feb 10: SPECIALS
- Feb 20: No School
- Feb 28: Performing Arts Fieldtrip