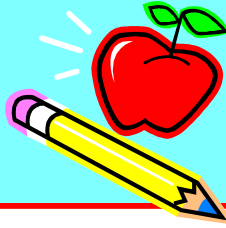




# 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE NEWS



March 1, 2007



**IMPORTANT DATES: \*TONIGHT, 3/1—PTO BOOK FAIR/FITNESS NIGHT, 6 PM; \*3/5—PTO MEETING, 7 PM; \*3/7—2 HR. DELAY; \*3/9—5<sup>TH</sup> GR. JAIL TRIP; \*3/26-3/30--SPRING BREAK—NO SCHOOL! BACK TO SCHOOL ON 4/2!**

## Subjects/assignments--

Dear Parents,

This is the March fifth grade newsletter. Be sure to check the enclosed paperwork to see our monthly "Building Blocks" goals that will inform you of the Reading and Math standards we are working on this month. Please do the family activities together!

Thanks to all of our students for the hard work done on their projects for the Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> Science Fair! We'd like to congratulate the 5<sup>th</sup> graders that received "Outstanding" awards: Kimmy Ferguson, Hannah Smolinske, and Mauricio Lopez! Congratulations to the 5<sup>th</sup> graders who were chosen to attend the regional science fair at Angola this month: Andrew Hurst & Austin Becker, Keegan Gura, Anna Papaik, Brooke Gleason, and Jonathon Kane. Best of luck to all of you!

Students are enjoying the Project L.E.A.D. speakers we have had so far. We will also be taking a Project L.E.A.D. trip to the Noble County Jail next week. We will have two more speakers, and will go to the Noble County Courthouse in April. We hope these lessons and trips have helped teach our students to be good citizens as well as given them insight to different jobs they may be attracted to one day.

Remember that Spring Break is the last week of March...no school that week, and we return to school on April 2. Enjoy the vacation time!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Rushing, Mrs. Baranowski, &  
Mr. Schutte

**MATH**—Students are beginning work on fractions. This is difficult, so practice more at home! It's so important to know all your multiplication facts for this! REMEMBER, EVERY FRIDAY IS A MATH 4 TODAY TEST! YOU SHOULD BE STUDYING THE MATH 4 TODAY FROM THAT WEEK ON THURSDAY NIGHT!!

**READING**—Mrs. R.—Our reading groups will be focusing on historical fiction and biographies. Mrs. B.—We just finished non-fiction and will study fantasy in reading groups. Some groups will be using Junior Great Books, with emphasis on discussion and interpreting stories. Mr. S.—We will begin studying different types of fiction. Some groups may be working with Junior Great Books.

**WRITER'S WORKSHOP**—Mrs. R. and Mr. S.—We are finishing short stories and have started work on persuasive essays. Mrs. B.—We are finishing persuasive essays. All three classes will begin work on explorer reports in March. More details soon!

**SOCIAL STUDIES**---Mrs. R. and Mr. S.—We are beginning Ch. 4, "The Voyages of Christopher Columbus." We are focusing on sequencing events. Mrs. B.—We will begin Ch. 3, "Life in the Eastern Hemisphere," next week, and will follow with Ch. 4.

**SCIENCE**--Mrs. B.—We are finishing Ch. 11, "Matter and Its Properties." There will be a vocabulary test over Ch. 11 on Mon., Mar. 5<sup>th</sup>.

**SPELLING**—Every Mon. we have a pretest. A final test is given every Friday! Try working on learning just a few of your words each night. If you have a computer, practice keyboarding AND spelling by typing your words each night!

**LANGUAGE**—We just finished Ch. 16, "Irregular Verbs," and will begin work on Ch. 17, "The Perfect Tenses." REMEMBER, EVERY FRIDAY IS A DAILY LANGUAGE QUIZ! YOU SHOULD BE STUDYING THE DOL FOR THAT WEEK ON THURSDAY NIGHT!!