

Fifth Grade Newsletter

February 2012



STEM Notes

- * Upcoming math units include Fractions
- * Science Unit: Planet Earth with a focus on Rocks and Minerals, Engineering
- * Students should continue to practice their facts on a nightly basis.

Upcoming Dates

- Feb 6 - Conferences 3:00 - 6:30pm
- Feb 10 - 2 hour 45 min Early Dismissal
- Feb 17 - Jump Rope Challenge
- Feb 20 - President's Day ~ No school
- Feb 21 - Professional day for teachers ~ No School
- Feb 22 - Book Fair Browsing Week
- Feb 24 - 5th Grade Career Day 8 - 9am
- Feb 29 - Jump Rope for Heart

Humanities/ELA and Social Studies Notes

- * ELA classes are currently working on 3rd quarter benchmarks. This includes elements of poetry including figurative language, mood and tone. We will also be drawing conclusions, identifying main ideas/messages and focusing on the author's opinion in information text. Students will be focusing on argument writing.
- * Social Studies: Revolutionary War
- * Students should continue to read nightly and complete Rocking Reading/HIKE journal entries.
- * Join the LSE Reading Rocks! wikispace. <http://readingrocksatlse.wikispaces.com/>

Dear parents and guardians,
We hope that you had a wonderful holiday season. Winter is in full swing here at LSE. We will be having our "Snow Day" in 5th grade on February 10. You child will visit each 5th grade classroom for snow related activities. This month we will be focusing on *active learning* as part of our LSE Star Standards. Please continue to have meaningful conversations with your fifth grader encouraging him or her to be an active listener and learner. **We do go outside for recess as often as we can. Please remind your child to bring cold weather gear for recess.**

Sincerely,
The 5th Grade Team