



# Fifth Grade News

It is the mission of the Piney Ridge Elementary to develop students as thinkers, problem solvers, and communicators. All will work to ensure maximum achievement for every child in all curricular areas.

## Happy September and Welcome Back!

We've completed the first week of school and are all getting back into the swing of things! We are working hard to establish routines to ensure that our days run smoothly. Please be sure to examine your child's SOS folder and agenda book nightly to keep informed of homework and happenings at school. Don't forget to initial the agenda book nightly as well. We are asking that your child bring hand sanitizer or wipes to keep in his/her book bag to ensure clean hands before eating lunch. Thank you to those who already have it.

We look forward to working with you this year to support your child through his/her last year of elementary school.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Broome Mrs. Martin  
Mrs. Keiffer Miss Yohe  
Miss Nave



## Attendance

It is important that students arrive on time and report to homeroom quickly. If a child enters after 9:00, he/she will be sent to the office for a tardy slip. Also, if your child is absent, please remember to send in a note the following day so that the office staff can mark the absence properly. We ask that if your child is absent multiple days, please call the school to have work sent home. This way your child can be prepared for their return.

## ELA

In ELA this month, students will be examining story elements in literature (character, setting, plot, etc.) They will also be working from our Harcourt Trophies Reading Series. Please look for the green basal books and workbooks to come home periodically.

In fifth grade students are asked to regularly respond to text verbally and in writing. Participation in class and group discussion is expected. When writing a written response to text, fifth graders should focus not only on giving a basic answer, but also elaborating on and extending ideas. Models of what is expected will be coming home to help support students in doing this.

In writing, students will be working with the writing trait of ideas and

## September

7 - Picture Day

9 - PRE Movie Night

14 - Volunteer Training 6:30 - 7

27 - Market Day pick up 6-8

28 - Rosh Hashanah begins

## October

3 - Early Dismissal

5 - PTA meeting 7 - 8:30

6- Interims go home

7 - Yom Kippur begins

11 - Conference Night

12 - Sukkot begins  
19 - Shemini Azteret begins

21—Schools Closed

25 - Market Day pick up 6-8

## Math

In math, students are working on place value of whole numbers and decimals. Next, they will be moving on to addition and subtraction of whole numbers and decimals. Please monitor your child's homework to keep aware of what is being learned in class.

If there are questions, the math book is a valuable resource and students should be using its Table of Contents, Index, and Glossary to find information to help them with concepts.

Basic Facts are expected to be memorized in fifth grade. Please encourage your child to practice his/her facts nightly.

A great resource for knowing the CCPS math benchmarks is ...

<http://www.carrollk12.org/instruction/elemcurric/math/parent.HTM>

## Social Sciences

In Miss Yohe's social studies classes, students are studying the influence of climate and geography on the development of regional culture. This will lead into the Colonial Regions unit.

In Mrs. Keiffer's science classes, students are focusing on environmental issues. The students will be assessing our school habitat to determine if it is healthy for wildlife and then determining a way to improve our school habitat. They will also study the need for saving our natural resources through recycling, conserving energy, etc.

## Homework

Weekly homework for your child will include a 100 minute reading log. This reading log will be given on Friday and must be returned signed the following Friday. It is the student's responsibility to be sure that this is done. Late or unsigned reading logs will not be accepted. At the end of each quarter, if a child completes the assigned number of reading logs, he/she will enjoy participating in a reading celebration. The celebration is a fun educational activity that rewards hard work and responsibility.

Beginning in mid September, vocabulary work will be assigned throughout the week with tests occurring on Fridays. Be on the lookout for that homework to come in the next few weeks.

ELA and Math homework will be given as a follow up to instruction as necessary. Basic facts, beginning with addition, should be studied regularly - if they are not already memorized. To study facts, students may use flash cards, computer games, other games, etc.

## Student Teachers/Interns

5th grade is fortunate to have Mrs. Korba student teach under Ms. Nave for the next 12 weeks. She is earning her master's in Elementary Education. 5th grade would also like to welcome two sophomores from Stevenson University as they intern once a week till December. All of the teacher candidates will be sending a letter to introduce themselves within the next couple of weeks.

