

What's going on in 5th Grade

STEM News

(Math and Science)

News for Humanities (ELA and SS)

In ELA, we are continuing with our study of fictional text. Currently, we are analyzing characters and comparing them to other characters in a story. Also, we will begin to identify the theme of a story.

In writing, we are working on showing our ideas versus telling our ideas by adding descriptive words and details. For example, instead of saying "She ran."

Students are encouraged to write "She sprinted" thus creating more of a visualization for the reader.

As for word study, students will be assessed and placed in groups according to their needs. We will use patterns to connect the word study sorts more to spelling strategies.

In SS, we created a classroom constitution and discussed the similarities between The Constitution and our classroom expectations. More integration of social studies concepts will occur when we begin our study of nonfiction text.

For your information...

October 20th: Star Lab

October 21st: School Closed

November TBD: Flea Market

- More information on that to follow

We have just finished up our math unit on place value. Since this is such an important concept we will continue to revisit the idea of place value throughout the year.

Our current unit in math will be adding and subtracting decimals. We will be working with equations and expressions as well as introducing the idea of variables to students. We will also be working with function tables and inverse operations.

Students have also been working on BCR responses and what these can look like. There are many ways to appropriately answer a BCR. We are going to be encouraging students to focus on using good math vocabulary in their answer. When talking to students about math please encourage them to do the same.

We have also started our first science unit which will focus on exploring space. Our goal is to understand the vastness of the universe and become familiar with the planets and objects located in our solar system.

As we all know science and math are closely related and our goal is to make this connection for our students. We will be discussing how scientists use math to solve science problems. We will also engage the students in trying to solve some of these problems on their own.