

5th Grade Weekly Email .12/14-12/23



Humanities

We have been reading primary & secondary sources of the Middle Passage & discussing which are more reliable. Students have also read excerpts from Mary Prince's autobiography, which gives us more insight on what happened when Africans arrived in North America & how they had to respond to their new lives as slaves. We will wrap up our unit by learning about Williamsburg and what colonial life was like. We have also started our next grammar unit on commas by reviewing the various rules to ensure we use them correctly in our writing.



DATES TO KNOW

12/16	Check Home Access for Quarter 2 Interim Grades
12/23	Early Dismissal (Start of Winter Break)
1/4	Schools • Reopen



STEM

Our Unit 2 Part B test is Wednesday. If inclement weather, Mrs. Michel may have to teach from home. Due to unreliable internet connections, if that occurs, students have been asked to work on Thursday's work – slides and assignments are uploaded. If there remains inclement weather on Thursday, students have been asked to work on Friday's work (as long as we have already completed Thursday) – slides and assignments are uploaded.

In Unit 3, we began making connections between area (review of length x width) to volume (length x width x height or area x height). Then, we will move into applying the box/window method of multiplication to the standard method of multiplying whole numbers. Ask your child about a strategy to keep their numbers neatly organized when multiplying.

Students are to complete Xtramath three times for week of December 14 and then only one time week of December 21. The week of January 4, it will be three times completion.

The County January Math Benchmark Assessment will be completed in January after we complete Unit 3. We will have two days of review with the Benchmark Calendar which will also be independent work for students during that time. The assessment is two parts, taking two days to complete. It will cover units 1-3 and will be about 20 questions.

Ask your child how many "tallies" they have earned towards a participation reward! 😊

In science, we are wrapping up the water cycle and will move into making those connections to water filtering. Ask your child about the Discovery Ed video about filtering dirty water!



Each year for the past 19 years, the fifth-grade team and Hampstead Elementary students have organized a donation drive for the local animal shelter. We will be doing so again this year! The Humane Society of Carroll County can not only be helped by volunteer work, but they accept donations of certain items that would benefit their organization. They have compiled a list of items that would be useful. **We will collect items beginning the week of Monday, December 7 through Friday, December 18.** If you have donations, you may drop them off at school –there will be a bin set up in the lobby. Mrs. Michel and her family will take the donations to the Carroll County Humane Society the weekend of December 19. Thank you for your support!

Food Needed

Purina Dog Chow
Purina Cat Chow
Purina Puppy Chow
Purina Kitten Chow
Canned cat food with snap lids
SOFT Dog Treats

Cleaning Supplies Needed

Baby Wipes
Fabulosoo
Multi-Purpose Cleaner
Paper Towels
Toilet Paper

Miscellaneous Items Needed

Dog Toys
Cat Toys
Solid & spray air fresheners
Hand sanitizer
Pine pellet litter



[Click here to check out their amazon wish list!](#)

Holiday Spirit Wear



May your days be merry & bright this holiday season and throughout the New Year. Farewell 2020 and Hello 2021! We will have a little present for the students when we return to school! Warmly, The 5th Grade Team

Matching Monday 12/14	Wake up and wear the same color from head to toe. It's color block day!
Tacky Tuesday 12/15 	Wear your tackiest holiday outfit, shirt or sweater!
Winter Wonderland Wednesday 12/16 	Wear your favorite holiday hat, scarf or crazy hair for the season!
 Theme Thursday 12/17	Dress like your favorite holiday character that's in a book or a movie!
 Festive Friday 12/18	Wear your most festive holiday colors of your choice all the way down to your socks.
Monday Merry Holiday Headwear Day 12/21 	Wear your fun Holiday Hat, Bow, or Headband today!
 Terrific Tuesday Decked All Out Day 12/22	Wear all your holiday gear to celebrate our Holiday Break!
Prepare to Party Pajama Day 12/23 	Wake up and wear your favorite pajamas. Let's stay comfy until our early dismissal at 12:45pm!