

STEM

Students will review on Monday, December 14 to prepare for the Unit 2 Part 2 test on Wednesday, December 16. We will then begin Unit 3 – Multiplication of Whole Numbers. Students will make connections from the box method strategy to now using the standard method to multiply.

For the week of December 14, students should complete Xtramath at least three times.

We are continuing to analyze the amount of fresh and salt water in the world's reservoir, making connections to the effects that can have on humans.

Thank you to all those families that are donating to the Carroll County Humane Society. Please email me when donating so that I make sure you are recognized.

Humanities

This week in Social Studies we are continuing to study the effects of slavery and "The Triangular Trade." Students have read articles about what life was like in West Africa before the Europeans arrived and then how things changed. We have studied three dilemmas:

- 1) Kingdoms and villages in West Africa had to decide whether to trade enslaved people for guns and other goods.
- 2) Africans had to find a way to survive in the gruesome ships that took them across the Atlantic Ocean - a voyage known as the Middle Passage.
- 3) When Africans arrived in North America, they had to respond to their new lives as slaves.

We are also reading a variety of primary and secondary sources to identify which is the most reliable source of information from the time period.

Reading Groups will also be changing. Group C will meet: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday. Group B: Monday & Thursday. Group A: Tuesday & Friday. Wednesdays will be kept open to meet with individual students & smaller support groups.

Last but not least, **kudos** to the 5th graders for doing an amazing job on the County Benchmark Assessment! The county expectation is an 80% or higher & our average was a **96%**! Parents/guardians have been emailed scores and they have also been added to the gradebook. The students should be very proud of themselves!

Make
Today
Amazing

Grading Update

Last week the school sent out information regarding the quarter two grading policy.

We are attaching another copy with this email, in case you missed it the first time around! Please let us know if you have any questions. We are flexible if tech concerns or other issues arise!



December Dates

12/10 Domino's Pizza Night
12/14 Hampstead Holiday
Spirit Week
12/16 Quarter 2 Interims

The 5th grade shirts have arrived and will be passed out when students return to school. Thank you again to Mrs. Pruettt and Mrs. Rensing for organizing!

If your fifth grader is interested in participating in the virtual Battle of the Books, please check out the attached letter from Mrs. Martin!



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HAMPSTEAD ELEMENTARY HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEAR



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!