

Fifth Grade November Newsletter

Upcoming Activities

- 11/2 - Bus Evacuation Drill
- 11/7 - No School
- 11/8 - No School (Election Day)
- 11/9 - Patrol Meeting
- 11/14 - Report Cards available on ParentVUE
- 11/21 - Early Release Day
- 11/22 - Early Release Day
- 11/23 - 11/25 - No School

Classroom Happenings

- Mr. Elie's specials schedule:
 - Tuesday - Music
 - Wednesday - Media
 - Thursday - Art
 - Friday - P.E.
- Ms. Lundy's specials schedule:
 - Tuesday - P.E.
 - Wednesday - Art
 - Thursday - Music
 - Friday - Media
- Students can bring in a nut free snack to be eaten during the day. Lunch will be at 12:25 this year.
- Instrumental music will be on Thursdays this year.
- [MCPS Child Abuse and Neglect Online Training for Volunteers](#)

Educational Resources

- [Khan Academy](#) - Free math tutorials that aligns with MCPS curriculum.
- [Newsela](#) - Free website with leveled, kid friendly non-fiction articles. Includes a comprehension quiz. Great resource for reluctant readers at home.
- [Questions for Students to Promote Thinking](#) - This link includes 50 questions that will help promote critical thinking in students. Helpful to use during homework, reading, or discussions about what is being learned throughout the day.

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Instructional Focus

Reading	<p>MP2: Many of the Junior Great Books selections and Jacob's Ladder selections relate to the topic of study in science. Through these instructional resources, students continue to develop their close reading and analytical skills, and respond to text in writing. One of the extension lessons from Junior Great Books taps into the student's creative abilities in using what they learn about engineering design to design a surfboard.</p> <p>Students engage in reading and writing experiences with the highly motivating genre of fantasy. Students participate in literature circles; reading and studying fantasy picture books and novels, paying special attention to how authors create descriptive settings of fantastical worlds, magical characters, and believable events in preparation to write an original fantasy story.</p>
Writing	<p>MP2: Students begin The Research-Based Argument Essay where they blend informative and opinion writing to create three argument essays. Students work in research groups to learn about author's perspective and how to synthesize information across texts. The information is used to hold debates to build powerful argument essays. Students learn how to strengthen the elements of argument (i.e. claim, reasons, evidence) through counterclaims and rebuttals, and techniques to appeal to the audience.</p> <p>The last weeks of the unit engage students in reading and writing experiences with the highly motivating genre of fantasy. Students study fantasy picture books and novels, lifting elements of fantasy writing by published authors to write an original fantasy story.</p>
Math	<p>5th grade Module 1, place value and decimal fractions completed.</p> <p>5th grade Module 2, multi-digit whole number and decimal operations: Students apply the patterns of the base ten system to mental strategies and the multiplication and division algorithms.</p>
Compacted Math	<p>5th grade Module 4 Multiplication of Fractions and Decimal Fractions completed.</p> <p>5th grade Module 5, Geometry: Students apply understanding of multiplication and addition to find area and volume of shapes.</p>
Social Studies	<p>Analyze the historic events, documents, and practices that are the foundations of our political systems. Explain the significance of principles in the development of the Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation, Preamble, U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights.</p>
Science	<p>Students will learn about the structure and properties of matter.</p>
Health	<p>Students will focus on stress management.</p>