Fifth Grade Newsletter for the Week of February 5, 2024

Coming Events and Announcements

February 9th-Deadline for Pi day shirt orders: <u>TCA EAST PI DAY</u> **February 16 & 19** – Presidents Day weekend – No School **March 1st:** Parent teacher conferences

Here's a look at the week ahead:

Spelling

We will enter List 15 and test on the words of List 15 on Friday, February 9.

<u>Math</u>

We continue our unit on Decimals with Lessons 9-5 through 9-9, Monday through Friday.

History

We begin the Westward Expansion unit with a discussion about Daniel Boone and the first forays west through the Appalachian Mountains. As we move into this next unit, students must make and bring ten (10) pages of tea-stained paper for History no later than Monday, February 5 (Walker/Carlson) or (Tuesday, February 5 (Barrett/Warchol).

Science

We discuss water conservation and treatment while learning about water purification.

Writing

We will finish our five-paragraph essay on Clara Barton.

Literature

The Secret Garden, by Frances Hodgson Burnett - "At first people refuse to believe that a strange new thing can be done, then they begin to hope it can be done, then they see it can be done--then it is done and all the world wonders why it was not done centuries ago."

Geography

We are continuing our study of the states and capitals of U.S. by turning to the Midwest region. The next tests will cover the South (March 8), Northeast (April 5), and the All 50 states/capitals test will be on May 1st. Study early, study often.

Poetry/Recitation

We are memorizing our next poem, <u>I Too Sing</u>, by the great Langston Hughes. This will be due for recitation during the week of February 19th. Students have been given one copy of the poem in class; it is also available on the website.

Character Corner

The related character traits we are focusing on for the month of February are Perseverance and the Pursuit of Excellence. It is a mindset, a focus on consistent effort over long periods of time perfecting your craft. Often referred to as Grit, it is a willingness to embrace the daily grind in order to achieve long-term goals.



