

## **Fifth Grade Newsletter for the Week of March 18, 2024**

### **Coming Events and Announcements**

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>: Westward Expansion Day**

**March 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>: Spring Break- No School**

**April 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>: CMAS Testing.**

**April 15/16: Challenger Space Center Field Trip**

**April 17<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Concert 2:00pm.**

Here's a look at the week ahead:

### **Spelling**

We will enter List 21 and **test on the words of List 21 on Friday, March 22.**

### **Math**

We will cover lessons 11-8 through 11-10, Monday through Wednesday. **Math Test 11 will be on Thursday, March 21.** We will begin Ch. 12 on Friday.

### **History**

We will do a picture study and learn about the Native Americans of the Great Plains.

### **Science**

We will be looking at the tilting of the Earth and the relationship of the planets to one another and the incredible distances between them, as well as the relationship of the earth to the moon. Students should continue to make nightly observations and notes in their sky journals for the first part of this week.

### **Literature**

We will finish *The Secret Garden*, by Frances Hodgson Burnett – “Much more surprising things can happen to anyone who, when a disagreeable or discouraged thought comes into his mind, just has the sense to remember in time and push it out by putting in an agreeable determinedly courageous one.”

### **Geography**

We are now working on studying the Northeast, the test for which will take place on April 5<sup>th</sup> and the all 50 states/capitals test will be on May 1st. **Study early, study often.**

### **Poetry/Recitation**

**This week we are reciting the poem, A Poison Tree, by William Blake.** Students have been given one copy of the poem in class; it is also available on the website.

# Character Corner

Our character focus for the month of March is on the importance of exercising Critical Thinking. Critical thinking is a habit that, like all good habits, must be intentionally pursued and practiced. While critical thinking is no guarantee of positive outcomes, negative outcomes are certainly more likely if we fail to use these skills.

