

# Fifth Grade Newsletter for the week of November 6, 2023

## Upcoming Events

**November 10** – TCA Recitation of Gettysburg Address at Veterans Day assembly at North campus. Students should wear red, white, or navy polos and have a hearty breakfast as we will not have our normal snack time. Please make sure that your student has turned in their green field trip form or they will not be able to come to North with us for the recitation!

**November 17th** – Explorer Day. Volunteers are needed! Look for more information from your classroom teacher. Students will need a costume to dress up as their explorer as well as a prop, which should not be a weapon. The costumes do not need to be too elaborate, and students can likely create a costume from clothing they already have at home.

**November 20-24** – Thanksgiving Break

## **Uniform Reminder:**

As a reminder, uniform shoes should be in uniform colors, with no neon-colored shoes. Large dangling or large hoop-style earrings are not allowed for safety reasons (the diameter of hoop style earrings may not be larger than the diameter of a penny)

Here's a look at the week ahead:

## Spelling

We will enter List 6 and test on the words of List 6 on Friday, November 10

## Math

Lessons 5-5 through 5-8 on Monday through Thursday. No math on Friday due to our participation in the Veterans Day assembly.

## History

We will write and practice the presentation of our first-person explorer speeches. Do you have your costume and prop picked out yet?

## Science

We will learn about the growth and propagation of plant life, including a more detailed discussion of the process of photosynthesis and food chains.

## Writing

We will continue working on our third-person explorer essays.

## Poetry and Recitation

It's showtime! Students will recite the entire Gettysburg Address in class for a grade before reciting it at the Friday assemblies. Practice early, practice often!

Please see next page.

## Literature

My Side of the Mountain, by Jean Craighead George, chapters 14-17.

# Character Corner

The character trait for the month of November is Gratitude. “Feelings of connectedness, elevation, humility, and indebtedness resulting from gratitude can motivate us to put forth more effort towards school, work, our communities, and our relationships, perhaps even prompting us to strive for goals we would otherwise not have thought possible. Gratitude may, therefore, have the power to do more than make us happy and motivate us to improve our own lives. It can inspire us to become more productive members of society and better citizens of the world.”

Source: [How Gratitude Motivates Us to Become Better People](#)



**As we express our gratitude,  
we must never forget that  
the highest appreciation is  
not to utter words, but to  
live by them.**

John F. Kennedy