# Fifth Grade Newsletter for the week of November 27, 2023

# **Upcoming Events**

December 7: Holiday formal dress up day
December 8: Denim and Christmas hats for caroling with Titan buddies.
December 16 – Classroom winter parties – Await further details from your classroom teacher.
December 18-January 3 – Winter Break

Here's a look at the week ahead:

# **Spelling**

We will enter List 8 and test on the words of List 8 on Friday, December 1.

#### <u>Math</u>

We will begin our next unit on dividing fractions, covering lessons 6.1-6.4 with a day for review.

#### <u>History</u>

We will begin our next major unit on the Renaissance by looking at what existed prior to it and what basic changes were made to usher in the new age.

# **Science**

We will be looking at our own local ecosystem and learning about food chains/webs both in their structure and what they show us about the flow of energy and matter in ecosystems.

# **Writing**

We begin a new unit on writing from pictures, following the Story Sequence Chart.

#### <u>Literature</u>

We will begin our next book, Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH, by Robert C. O'Brien.

# **Geography**

We are memorizing the 15 states and capitals from the Western region. Students have been given a study guide, blank copies of which are available on the website. The test on the Western region states, capitals, and postal codes will be on December 8. Subsequent tests will be held as follows: Midwest (Jan. 26), South (March 8), Northeast (April 5), and the All 50 states/capitals test will be on May 2. **Study early, study often.** 

# Character Corner

The character trait which we will be focusing on for the month of December is HOPE, which is defined as having an expectation of the best in the future and believing that a good future is something that may be brought about by hard work and perseverance.

