

Fifth Grade Newsletter for the Week of February 12, 2024

Coming Events and Announcements

February 16 & 19 – Presidents Day weekend – No School

March 1st: Parent teacher conferences

March 22nd: Westward Expansion Day

Quick Uniform Reminder: **All socks, tights or leggings** must be white, grey, red, navy, forest green, black, or brown, **solid color only, without a design or pattern.**

Here's a look at the week ahead:

Spelling

We will enter List 16 and **test on the words of List 15 on Thursday, February 16.**

Math

We finish our unit on Decimals with Lessons 9-9 and 9-10 on Monday and Tuesday, and **Test 9 on Tuesday, February 13.** We will begin the next chapter (+, -, x, and ÷ with decimals) with lesson 10-1 on Tuesday.

History

We begin the Westward Expansion unit with a discussion about Daniel Boone and the first forays west through the Appalachian Mountains. **We will discuss the early exploration of the American West by Lewis and Clark and the fur-trapping Mountain Men.**

Science

We will be looking at pollution in the atmosphere, geosphere, and biosphere, and discussing ways to eliminate this pollution.

Writing

We will begin another five-paragraph essay using multiple sources on three big names of the Westward Expansion: Daniel Boone, Sacagawea, and Jedediah Smith.

Literature

The Secret Garden, by Frances Hodgson Burnett, chapters 9-12.

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 continue to memorize the poem, I Too Sing, by Langston Hughes. This will be due for recitation during the week of February 19. Students will be 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.



Gentlemen, we are going to relentlessly chase perfection, knowing full well we will not catch it, because nothing is perfect. But we are going to relentlessly chase it, because in the process we will catch excellence. I am not remotely interested in just being good.

(Vince Lombardi)

Go Saints!