

# Fifth Grade Newsletter for the week of August 28, 2023

## Upcoming Events

**Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Back-to-School Night** – Parents, come meet your student’s teacher and hear about all of the exciting things they will be learning this year.

**September 4** – Labor Day – No school.

**September 8, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** - TCA East Carnival.

**September 14th – Field Day** – This is a great opportunity for parent volunteers to come out and help our students.

**September 22 - Grandparents Day** – You will receive more information about this day in the coming weeks.

## Reminders

### **Homework Policy**

See attached at page 3.

Here’s a look at the week ahead:

### Spelling

We will enter Rule Pages 3 and 4. **The test on the words from these rule pages will be on Friday, September 1st.** As a reminder, you can access the spelling lists for each of our tests under Curriculum Resources > Spelling on our 5<sup>th</sup> grade website.

### Grammar

FixIt! Grammar – Robin Hood

### Math

Lessons 1-5 (Mon.), 1-6 (Tues.), and **Test 1 on Thursday, August 31.** Wednesday will be a review day and we’ll begin Chapter 2 (order of operations and bar models) on Friday.

### History

When the Spanish arrived in Mexico, the Aztec city of Tenochtitlan rivaled the biggest cities of Europe (e.g., it was five times the size of London), and the Aztecs welcomed the conquistadors as gods. Soon thereafter, the Aztecs were wiped out completely.

### Science

We investigate a mystery with the White Powder lab experiment and will study the chemical and physical properties of matter.

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### **Writing**

This week we will begin a review of the writing process with the creation of a key word outline, rough draft, and final copy.

### **Poetry Recitation**

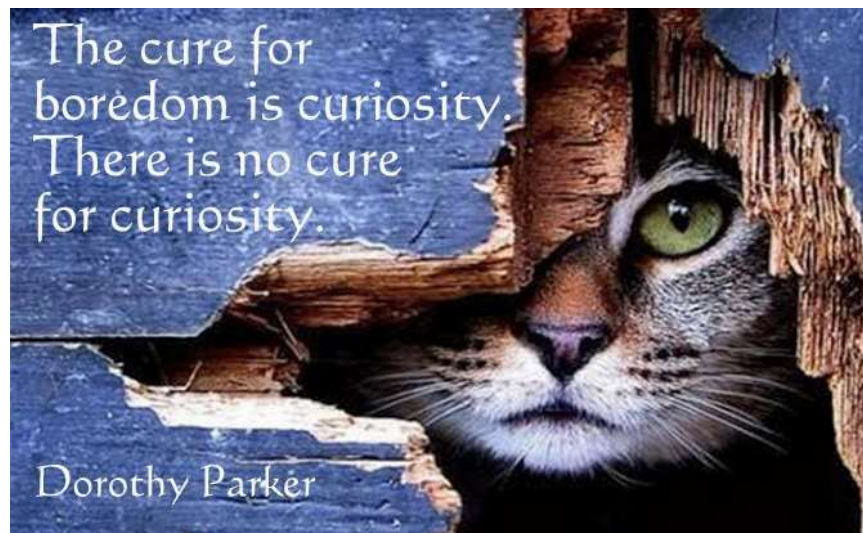
Students should be studying their assigned verse of Casey at the Bat. Recitations will take place during the week of September 5.

### **Literature**

Carry On, Mr. Bowditch, chapters 5 through 8.

## Character Corner

Our character trait for the month of September is Curiosity. This trait will serve you well throughout your lifetime. Seeking, questioning, and wondering will not only allow you to experience a much richer life, but you will be able to explore together with others as they wonder the same things too.



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## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Homework Policy

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your partnership in your child's education. This homework guideline is to help you manage your child's daily homework. Homework is an essential part of your child's learning. The new concept that they learned in class will be mastered more quickly if they are able to reinforce that learning with a short practice at home.

Most students work best by having a specific location at home for their homework time (a desk in the living room, the kitchen table, etc.). Establish a regular routine, when possible. Consider giving your child a set time for play after school, and then come in for a set time for their homework. Guide your child with questions when applicable. For example, if your child says, "I don't know how to do this," you could respond with, "Where would you start?" or "What would you do first?"

Our grade level guideline is that your child should have an average of 20 to 60 minutes of homework each night. Some nights will be a little less, and some a little more. If your child is consistently working more than 60 minutes on homework each night, please let us know.

<b>Subject Area</b>	<b>Average Minutes per Night</b>
Math Homework	5-30 min
Spelling Words	10 min
Recitation	5-10 min
Assessments/Projects (won't always have these)	10 min
Math Facts* as needed	5 min

Our grade level works on the following project(s) at home during the school year. Please work a little each day on these projects so that your child will not be overwhelmed.

<b>Project</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>At-Home Portion</b>
Explorer Project	November	Working on finding a costume, finding/making a prop, and memorizing the speech which is written in class.