5TH GRADE NEWSLETTER

November 2026

NOTE FROM TEACHERS

Wow!! We made it through the first quarter of the school year. November 11th is parent-teacher conferences. Be sure to sign up for a time to talk with the 5th grade teachers about your child's progress. The link is sent on Class Dojo.

In the first marking period, students successfully completed their first round of I-Ready testing and are beginning to take Benchmark I tests. We are excited to begin a new marking period as students continue to build their math and literacy skills while engaging with historical, scientific, and socially and culturally relevant learning experiences. 5th grade is a critical year. We are working to ensure all students are prepared for middle school. Students must stay focused, ask questions, and always do their best. Keep talking with your child about what they are learning each day.

5th Grade Team

Building Self-Advocacy

Fifth grade is the perfect time for students to learn to speak up for themselves in positive, respectful ways. Encouraging self-advocacy helps children build confidence, independence, and problem-solving skills they'll use for years.

Try this at home:

💬 **Name the problem:** Encourage your child to identify what they don't understand or need help with.

🙋 **Ask for support:** Have them practice simple, clear questions like "Can you explain that again?" or "Can I have more time to finish?"

🤝 **Use respectful language:** Remind them that how they speak is just as important as what they say.

Small steps like these empower students to take ownership of their learning and build stronger communication skills.

Save the Date

- **11/2** - Benchmark Math
- **11/3** - Election Day: No School
- **11/5-6** - Benchmark Science
- **11/11** - Parent-Teacher Conference; School CLOSED for students
- **11/12-13** - Benchmark RELA
- **11/25-27** - Thanksgiving Break

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Stefhany	6
Mohammad R.	8
Jordine	10
Sherlyn	14
Isabella	14
Diego	17
Reagan	22
Jaden	25
David	25

WHAT WE'RE LEARNING

Health

This month, *Nutrition and why it is important to have a healthy diet. We will discuss how to protect and nourish our bodies for it to function at its best.*

MATH

This month, our scholars will work on:

- **Multiplying and Dividing Fractions- Students will find the product of two fractions, divide a whole number by a unit fraction, and divide a unit fraction by a whole number.**

Have students access KHAN weekly.

SCIENCE

This month, we are discovering:

- Matter is made of tiny particles that behave differently as solids, liquids, or gases.
- Plants use energy from the sun, air, and water to manufacture food for themselves.

Students will also finish with Unit 1- What is Matter Made Of- and move into Unit 2-From Matter to Organisms.

Social Studies

This month, we will answer the following questions:

How do we investigate the past?

What role did the distinction between "free states" and "slave states" have in conflicts over slavery?

What role did industrialization have in pre-Civil War conflicts between the North and the South?

READING

WRITING

This month:

Text: Mr. Linden's Library, The Loch Ness Monster, The Secret Keepers

Reading Workshop Standards: Predictions, Literary Elements, Figurative Language, Text & Graphic Features.

Grammar: Perfect Verb Tense, Irregular Verbs, Past Perfect Tense

Projects: 3D Inventor's Model & Mystery Monster

Students should access IReady weekly and pass 10 lessons with an 80%.

Our Attendance in 5th Grade: **Goal: 97%** **August: 95.7%** **September: 94.8%** ***October: 93.6%***

Super Star Perfect Attendance

Brandon, Scarlett, Omid, Atilio, Nikashay, Keily, Kevin, Jamie, Muheez, Richily, Mohammad D., Mohammad R., Sharon, Blessing, Justice, Angel, Grissell, Leticia, Bibi Hawa

