

January 2026

5TH GRADE NEWSLETTER

Note from teachers

HAPPY NEW YEAR! The fifth grade team would like to wish all of our GNS families a happy and healthy new year! We hope you all enjoyed your time with our scholars over the break. We look forward to ending the first semester on a strong note. We have many tests upcoming. There is I-READY for Reading, Benchmark II Testing for Math, Reading, and Science. We also have ACCESS for our English Language Developers.

We look forward to seeing how our scholars have shown growth in these areas.

The end of the quarter is near! Please ensure our scholars are reading and regularly completing homework and practice tasks at home.

5th Grade Team



HAPPY BIRTHDAY	
Jason	2
Mohammad	15
Beheshteh	15
Laiba	20
David-Luis	22
Tengenpride	27



Save the Date



- 1/5 School Resumes
- 1/6 Game/Karaoke Family Night
- 1/16 Baltimore Aquarium Field Trip
- 1/19 Martin Luther King Jr Day
NO SCHOOL
- 1/22 Science Family Night
(5:45 P.M. - 7 P.M.)
- 1/26 Half Day School;
End of 2nd Quarter



QUICK TIPS

It's a new year, and that means it's time for resolutions. This year, encourage your child to set learning resolutions to help them give the rest of the school year their best effort.

To strengthen their resolve:

- **Set an example.** Share what you've resolved to change.
- **Guide their thinking.** Creating a study routine, starting projects earlier, and organizing their supplies.
- **Get specific.** Help them turn a vague idea into a concrete resolution. When a goal is measurable, it's easier to achieve.
- **Be supportive.** Please remind your child that falling short once in a while doesn't mean they can't get back on track.



A PEEK AT OUR MONTH



READING

This month:

Text: The Secret Keepers

Reading Workshop Standards: Making Inferences, Literary Elements, Author's Craft, Point of View

Grammar: Consistent Verb Tense

Projects: Mystery Monster

Students are to access [I-Ready](#) weekly and pass 10 lessons with an 80%.



WRITING



This month, our scholars will continue to work on:

Multiplying and dividing decimals and fractions (including mixed numbers) using concrete models, and relating these models to written methods.

Please ensure students use [Dreambox](#) for daily practice. We will recognize champions who complete more than 10 lessons each week.

Social Studies

This month, we will answer the following questions:

What impact did the war have on relationships?

How might the Emancipation Proclamation have spurred on the Confederacy?

How did conflict over slavery lead to changes in the Constitution?

Students can access the [IXL](#) website through Clever, to review social studies standards.

SCIENCE

This month, we are discovering:

- Food chains and food webs are models that show consumption relationships in an ecosystem.
- Energy provided by the sun flows through plants and animals.
- Also reviewing 3rd- and 4th-grade standards.

Students can access the [Legends of Learning](#) and [IXL](#) websites through Clever to review science standards.

Health

This month, we will discuss the respiratory system. Students will examine the harmful effects of pollutants on our lungs and respiratory systems.