



Fifth Grade's Filler-Inner!

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What's Happening in 5th Grade...

Important Upcoming Dates

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| 01/04 | Welcome back! 3 rd nine weeks begins |
| 01/06 | MAP Testing – Hallman/Walter |
| 01/07 | Student Success Expo at Savannah Mall |
| 01/09 | MAP Testing – Rock/Mac |
| 01/10 | SRI Testing – Mac/Rock |
| 01/11 | SRI Testing – Walter/Hallman |
| 01/12 | STEM Doughnut forms and money DUE |
| 01/13 | Report cards issued Sci Fair – topic and question DUE |
| 01/16 | No school – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Day |
| 01/17 | Last day to turn in applications to Oglethorpe Charter for 6 th grade |
| 01/18 | STEM 1 st payment due (if not participating in fundraiser) |
| 01/19 | STEM Krispy Kreme Doughnut Pickup 9:30 – 2:00 |
| 01/20 | Sci Fair – Hypothesis DUE |
| 01/21 | Parent University @ Godley Station |
| 01/25 | STEM workdays begin! After school - 5:30pm |
| 01/27 | Sci Fair – Materials and Procedures DUE |

Specialty School Applications

If you are interested in applying for a specialty/charter SCCPSS middle school (STEM, Oglethorpe, Garrison, etc.) for your child, please keep in mind that the registration window for these schools is open and deadlines are quickly approaching, depending on the school. Please check sccpss.com or each school's website for more information.

Please consider attending the Student Success Expo with your child on Saturday, January 7th at the Savannah Mall for more information on these and other schools!

Math: We will be reviewing fractions concepts from 4th grade and then will begin Unit 4: Adding, Subtracting, Multiplying, and Dividing Fractions. Students will apply their understanding of fractions and fraction models to represent the addition and subtraction of fractions with unlike denominators as equivalents with like denominators. They develop fluency in calculating sums and differences of fractions, and make reasonable estimates of them. Students will engage in discussions about their reasoning using appropriate mathematical language. Be sure your child continues to practice his or her multiplication facts as these are the basis for EVERYTHING that we do with fractions. Students have access to Reflex Math and Khan Academy at home. These are both great resources for your student and directly correlate with what we are going over in class.

Students should be utilizing their **Math Journal** every evening to help with nightly homework and for a review of skills learned.

Reading/Language Arts: This month we will begin a new novel, *Bud, Not Buddy*. We will use this book to learn how to use commas to separate items in a series and to review conjunctions, prepositions, and prepositional phrases. Students will also be learning how to apply adverbs to their writing.

Reader's Mountain projects have upcoming due dates of January 13th, January 23rd and February 1st. Students received their Reader's Mountain prior to Winter Break in order to get a head start on their projects and to continue reading while on break. **Please ask your child to view the mountain as we have provided tools to ensure success with these projects!**

Science: In January, we will begin our unit of physical science and move into our study of relationships between electricity and magnetism. Students will investigate static electricity, be able to build a complete circuit, investigate the materials that are conductors and insulators, and compare bar magnets to electromagnets. Afterwards, we move on to how matter changes: physically and chemically. Students will investigate physical changes by separating mixtures, manipulating paper, and observing changes in state. They will investigate the properties of substances before, during and after a chemical reaction to find evidence of changes. Physical science continues to be a very hands-on unit for students, full of demonstrations as well as experiments.

Social Studies: In Social Studies, students will be moving into the 1920s – 1950s and will be learning about the topics such as the "Great Depression," cultural changes in the US, and the time of WARs (WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and The Cold WAR). Students will understand the impact of these events and their relevant effects on today.