



THE FIFTH GRADE TEAM

SRU Elementary School

November 2018

Fifth Grade News!

It is hard to believe we will start the second marking period. Our fifth grade team is working on building students academically, as well as behaviorally. We are holding the students to a high standard and working hard to grow in many areas. At home, please continue to maintain a consistent homework routine, check agendas, ELA homework, and math homework. Also, check your child's grades on Power School regularly, so you are aware of changes in their grade. Finally, please work with your child at home about appropriate computer usage with internet websites. Stay in contact with our team if an issue arises, and we will be sure to take care of it. We are proud of the development of the students in fifth grade. We hope they will continue to improve throughout the year. Thank you for your support.

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"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

-- Harold McAlindon

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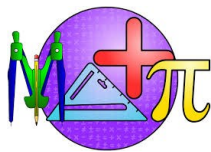
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MATH

This month in Math class, we will be working on our second module (Multi-digit whole Numbers and Decimal Fraction Operations). More simply stated we will be working on adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing decimals. We will also be evaluating written and numerical expressions. Finally, we will be using the order of operations to solve numerical expressions.

Please continue to have your child master basic facts by using the computer programs Xtra Math and Reflex Math at home. Your child will continue having the ten nightly review problems to practice previously taught skills. Remind your child that if they have questions I am always available at recess for extra help.



News and Notes

Conferences: Student conferences are rapidly approaching. This year, they will take place the afternoon of November 8, and all day November 9. The fifth grade team has worked hard to reach out to all the parents who requested a conference. We understand that not all parents were given the time they hoped for, however, we did and will continue to do our best to be flexible to provide a time that works for you. If you cannot remember your time, please send a note in your child's agenda immediately, and his/her teacher will provide you with a confirmation letter. If you've forgotten to submit a time, please write in your child's agenda and a fifth grade teacher will be in contact with you. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss the progress of your child. Thank you for your support and see you soon!

C.R.E.A.T.E.S.: In December, Mr. Carlson is holding the first ever Writing Workshop for students and parents called C.R.E.A.T.E.S. C.R.E.A.T.E.S. stands for Creativity. Risk Taking. Exploration. Attitude. Teamwork. Excitement. Share. The event will be held one evening for a two hour period. Students and parents will work together to create a writing piece while going through the writing process. Students will take their parents through a writing adventure similar to what they experience each writing class. By the end of the night, students and parents will interact with one another, write, and share their creativity. Please be aware that more information will be provided in November. We hope for a rewarding and fun-filled evening. Thank you.

September Award Winners

Student of the Month: Brooke Geiger, Fiona Coniglio, & Ellie DeRamus

Character Trait (Responsibility): Noah Robson, Danielle Smith, & Justice Keiper

Authors of the Month: Kiara Carson, Brooke Geiger, & Riley Colon

ELA

In ELA, Fifth grade is nearing the end of Unit 1 dealing with *Text Structure*. Currently, we are looking at various poems, stories, and dramas comparing and contrasting their structural elements. We will then explore *Story Elements* in Unit 2.

Remember to complete ELA homework and sign your child's agenda. If there is time remaining after completing the homework, please have your child read to finish the 20 minutes.

When doing the TDA homework, the child should read the passage each night, so that will count for the read for 20 minutes requirement. Also, sign each box for the night. That tells us you helped or saw your child completing the work. Thank you!!



WRITING

WRITING: Students have been exposed to each type of writing. Now, we will continue to build on each type using different skills and strategies.

Currently, we are working on a Career Opinion Essay. Students will also work together as a class to create a Career Magazine using the template provided on their Google Classroom page. Groups of students will design a cover, table of contents, interesting facts, and then all students essays will be in the magazine.

Once we finish all this piece, students will do a review on TDA Writing. Then we will move to a business project and creative Christmas story. For the business project, students will design a business and product. They will then create writing pieces that correlate with the business.

The Creative Christmas story will focus on correctly writing dialogue in writing.



GRAMMAR: Students will continue to use grammar elements in their writing. Once taught, students are expected to continue using them.

Upcoming Events

November

11/8: Half Day Parent Conferences and Report Cards

11/9: No School/ Parent Conferences

11/5 - 11/8: Book Fair

11/14: Clemens Center and Chinese

11/21: Half Day

11/22 - 11/27: Thanksgiving Break

Report Cards

Report cards will be handed out at conferences. We apologize for any inconvenience. If you're not scheduled, your child will receive it the following week. Thank you for your understanding.