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## October News



### Time Flies!

**Wow!** Time sure is passing quickly. I am enjoying working with all of the students in our fifth grade classroom. Room 212 consists of a unique, enthusiastic, and inquisitive group of individuals.

The students continue to develop as independent thinkers and problem solvers. I'm excited for the month ahead, and the learning that will take place as we continue on our journey together.

### Field Trip

October is fire prevention month. We will be traveling to the Poynette Fire Station on Friday, October 6th. We are scheduled to arrive @ 1:00 p.m. and we will return to the school around 2:00 p.m. .

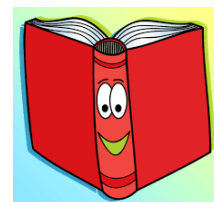
### Picture Re-Take Day

Picture re-take day has been scheduled for Thursday, October 26th. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the office. Thanks!

### October Book Report

Fifth graders will be participating in a Book Character Day in a few short weeks. This character party will coincide with our October book reports. On Friday, October 27th, students should come to school dressed up as a character from a favorite book. The character must be from a book they have recently read (not just a movie or cartoon that they have watched). Students should be prepared to share his/her October book report on this date as well. This activity is in lieu of the traditional Halloween party.

Please work with your child to plan a simple homemade costume. Students should complete the October book report as well. An informational packet (along with a rubric) should have already come home with your child. The packet also contains a picture example to help generate ideas for the project. Please encourage your child to be creative with their character. The book report is due Friday, October 27th.



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## CURRICULUM

Math The second unit of study encompassed within the Everyday Mathematics series is “Estimation and Computation.” It addresses three topics: estimation, computational procedures, and data analyses. Algorithms for addition, subtraction, and multiplication are reviewed and extended to decimals.

Literacy Throughout the month we will continue to participate in lessons from *Units of Study for Teaching Reading –A Workshop Curriculum Grade 5*. Unit one is called, *Interpretation Book Clubs: Analyzing Themes*. The unit encompasses three bends. Students are in the process of completing bend one. It’s called, “Writing About Reading with Voice and Investment.” Bend 2 will encourage students to raise their level of writing and talking about literature. Finally, bend three is called, “Thematic Text Sets.” It will help students turn texts inside out. Students will use thought prompts to help express the similarities and differences they see across texts. They’ll also compare and contrast author’s craft within texts. Students will continue to participate in whole groups mini-lessons and small group instruction based on these bends to help them gain the skills necessary to become proficient readers.

We continue to participate in Daily Language Review (D.L.R.) lessons for fifth grade. This frequent and focused practice leads to mastery and retention of the skills practiced. The skills that are covered are punctuation, grammar, comprehension, vocabulary/word study, reference skills, and capitalization.

Students will continue to practice 5th grade SNAP words during our word work (spelling) block. The goal is for students to spell and read all 100 words correctly by the end of first trimester. These words are posted on our classroom website.

We are also learning and practicing writing according to the Six Traits Model. This program teaches the writing traits across the stages of the writing process and across the curriculum.

Science We are continuing the science unit of “Sun, Moon, and the Planets.” This unit has four investigations that focus on Earth’s place in the solar system.

Social Studies Students are engaged in geography and United States regions lessons. In the future, students will be engaged in curriculum surrounding U.S. History. Students continue to participate in social studies lessons on Tuesday and Thursday with Mrs. Wentz.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS



### UPCOMING DATES



- Oct. 2...September Reading Minute Calendar Due
- Oct. 2-6...Kayla’s V.I.P Week
- Oct. 6...Field Trip to the Fire Station @ 1:00 p.m.
- Oct. 10...Fall P.A.D. Parent Club Fundraiser (Cherrydale) Orders and money due
- Oct. 12...Early Release @ 12:30  
P/T Conferences 1:30-8:00 p.m.
- Oct. 13...October Book Orders Due
- Oct. 19...P/T Conferences 4:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 20...No School for Students/Professional Development Day for Educators
- Oct. 23-27...Maggie’s V.I.P Week
- Oct. 26...Picture Re-Take Day
- Oct. 27...October Book Report Due (Book Character Project)
- Oct. 27...Fall Classroom Celebration 1:05-2:00 p.m.
- Oct. 30-Nov. 3...Chayse’s V.I.P. of the Week
- Oct. 31...Box Top Collection Competition Ends
- Nov. 1...October Reading Minute Calendar Due
- Nov. 7...Fall P.A.D. Parent Club Fundraiser (Cherrydale) Pick-Up Date 3-5 p.m.

### Reading Minutes

Students will be participating in “Book It.” During the month of October the reading goal will be 400 minutes. Please encourage your child to record their reading minutes everyday. At the end of the month I ask that students total the minutes he/she read the entire month and record it on the calendar. If your child meets his/her goal he/she will earn a certificate for an individual pizza from Pizza Hut. Enjoy! Happy reading!