**5th Grade Weekly Newsletter**

**Week of September 26- September 30**

**Homework**

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| **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| **Math Homework:**Numerical Expressions Workbook pg P21 and P22 due Wednesday**S.S. Homework:**History Alive Assessment 2  | **LA Homework****Writing:** The Boating Accident Paragraph **Reading:** The Lion and the Mouse | **Math Homework**Shaded Fractions and Parts in the Shade HW Due Thursday**Science Homework:** Mixture Basics **Study vocabulary and spelling words for tests tomorrow** | **Spelling and Vocabulary Tests will be done today.** | NO SCHOOL |

**Weekly Vocabulary**

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| **Math Vocabulary** |
| 1. **Fraction:** A number that names part of a whole or a part of a group. Example$ \frac{5}{12}$
2. **Denominator:** The number below the bar in a fraction that tells how many equal parts are in the whole or in the group. Example $\frac{6}{10}$ - 10 is the denominator.
3. **Numerator:**  The number above the bar in a fraction that tells how many equal parts of the whole or group is being considered. Example $\frac{3}{4}$ - 3 is the numerator.
4. **Equivalent fractions:** Fractions that name the same amount or part. Example $\frac{3}{4}$ = $\frac{6}{8}$
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| **Language Arts Vocabulary** |
| 1. theme: central message of the story
2. visualize: use details in the text to form vivid mental pictures of the characters, settings, and events.
3. Realistic fiction: includes characters and events that are like people and events in real life.
4. Dialogue: the exact words spoken by characters
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| **Social Studies/ Science Vocabulary** |
| **Social Studies:**1. origin stories: explanations that tell how the Earth and its people came to be.
2. migrants: people who move from one country or area of the world to a new home
3. mesa: flat-topped hill area with steep sides
4. gorge: a narrow deep valley with steep sides
5. New World:
6. archaeologists: scientists who study human artifacts to learn about past cultures
7. Age of Exploration: a period of time when people from Europe traveled to North America
8. contagious disease: sickness that spreads quickly
9. native: someone born in a particular place or country
10. Old World: the world known to Europeans before exploration
11. New World: North and South America
12. tributary: a river or stream that flows into a larger river

**Science Vocabulary:**1. **solvent:** the substance to be dissolved
2. **solute:**  the substance doing the dissolving
3. **properties:**  a characteristic of a substance that is observable
4. **particles:** one of the extremely small parts of matter; like an atom
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**Spelling Words (Study words for test on Thursday!)**

1. stew
2. cartoon
3. choose
4. avenue
5. loose
6. include
7. lose
8. assume
9. view
10. souvenir

Challenge:

1. acknowledgement
2. encyclopedia
3. mischievous

**Math News**

Students binders will be checked this week. We will not be having a weekly quiz this week due to the shortened week. We will be working on developing a conceptual understanding of fractions. Students will use fraction manipulatives all week to help develop an understanding and a visual of what the parts of a fraction represent. Our work this week will prepare us for adding and subtracting fractions will unlike denominators. Math grade sheets went home on Friday. Conference confirmation letters went home last week. If you didn’t receive a letter please contact me. Please email me if you have questions at amy.cook@jefferson.kyschools.us

**Language Arts News**

On demand writing, realistic and fictional, narrative writing is our focus. Editing, mini lessons, and more are in place to help students become better writers. Please review your child’s work with them. We continue to explain, find the theme, infer, predict, and summarize in reading. Encourage your child to participate and be involved in the lessons. The discussions we have are both literal and complex. There is a lot of learning going on! Please try to get on Compass Learning Reading at home at least once or twice a week. These lessons will help prepare your child for fifth grade standards. Please email me with any questions: Elizabeth.pitt@jefferson.kyschools.us

**SOCIAL STUDIES:** We continue to work on our Native American study this week. We will be adding new vocabulary words each week. Please remind your child to study these vocabulary words nightly! It is helpful if your child can get online and use the quizlet website to study. Much of our content learning is based on vocabulary understanding. Thanks for your help with this important study skill.

 **SCIENCE:** We have covered the following learning targets: I can identify the observable properties of matter; I can use properties of matter to identify materials; I can measure and compare solubility of different substances.

\*\*Conference time is almost here! Confirmation of scheduled conference times went home last week. Let me know if you did not get your confirmed conference schedule.

Fifth grade is collecting healthy snack items for our annual Fall Festival basket auction. Please send your donation to your child’s homeroom. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Have a blessed week! beth.macaluso2@jefferson.kyschools.us

**Announcements**

* CONFERENCE DAY forms were sent home three weeks ago. If you signed up for one, conferences will be held with your child’s HR teacher on Tuesday, October 4th.
* Kentucky Kids Day, Tuesday! Bring a BEACH TOWEL for a beach party at lunch time!
* Thursday, Crusade BLUE JEAN day, $1
* No School, 9/30 – 10/4
* PLEASE SEND IN HEALTHY SNACKS for our Fall Festival Basket for FIFTH GRADE! For every three items you bring in, your HR teacher will give you a homework pass!

PARENTS? Can you get DONATIONS for the fifth grade HALLOWEEN PARADE? We need 500 pieces of fruit, pencils, toothbrushes, novelties, ANYTHING you can think of that is healthy or appropriate for children? PLEASE send us an email: Elizabeth.Pitt@Jefferson.kyschools.us OR SEND IN A NOTE OR CALL US if you can help us! Thank you so much.