**5TH GRADE NEWS**

March 2020

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**What are we learning this month?**

**ELA:** During this month, we will be starting the 2nd half of our unit titled, “Writing Worth Reading”. The students will be reading novels in order to explore the concepts of theme, tone, and mood. In addition, these concepts will help us craft our own narrative story, using our independent novels as models for good writing. We will also be continuing to send home MCAP (Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program) practice to help students feel comfortable with the type of questions they will encounter later this spring. Students are encouraged to complete their homework each week. Homework packets are given out on Thursday and are expected to be turned in the following Wednesday, however, work that is completed early can be turned in at any time.

**Math:** In this unit, students will add, subtract, and multiply fractions using visual models and algorithms. Students will use visual models to divide using fractions.

**Advanced Math:** In this unit, students apply their understanding of ratios to represent and solve ratio, rate, and percent problems, and students apply their understanding of fraction operations to divide using fractions.

**Science:** We will be working on our “Where’s the Water?” unit. In this unit students will obtain and combine information about ways individual communities use science ideas to protect the Earth’s resources and environment.

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**March Dates:**

- PTA Meeting at 6:00 PM 3/2
- Read Across America Week 3/2-3/6
- Interims Sent Home 3/5
- PTA Basket Bingo 3/6
- Ballroom Dancing 3/9-3/13
- PTA Spirit Night Deli-ish 3/10
- Lifetouch Picture Day 3/11
- Ident-a-Kid 3/19
- Crossroads Spirit Breakfast 3/21
**Reminder:**

It’s a good time to check your child’s school supplies if they need to replenish pencils, dry erase markers, etc. We could also always use donations of tissues and sanitizing gel during the winter months.

**March Birthdays**

Kate, Spencer, Marco, Robbie, and Frankie

**Important Testing Dates**

- **MISA Testing**
  - 3/24 and 3/25
- **MCAP**
  - 5/4-5/7 ELA
  - 5/14 and 5/15 Math