Mr. Kowaleski’s Classroom Newsletter

This Month’s Highlights

Math
We will be wrapping up our unit on fractions in the next few weeks. Students have been working hard at adding and subtracting mixed numbers and applying their knowledge of fractions to solve real world problems. Our next unit will be decimals.

Science
We have completed our first rotation: Sound. Students will rotate starting this week to Mrs. Campbell for the next unit: Structure and Function: Using the Five Senses

Social Studies
We are learning about the original colonies of Roanoke and Jamestown and will continue our journey to Plymouth.

Writers’ Workshop
We are continuing to work on narrative writing, summarizing, and short stories. We are also learning to incorporate descriptive details into our writing using our 5 senses.

Reading
We have kicked off our Journeys reading program. We have examined story structure and theme in stories. We will continue to focus on strategies for developing deeper meaning when we read this month.

Important Dates

- Study Skills Night: Thursday, October 15 (6:00-7:15pm)
- Sturbridge Village Field Trip: Friday, October 23 (8:00am-4:30pm)
- Book Fair: Tuesday, October 27 & Wednesday, October 28
- Halloween Parade: Friday, October 30 at 1:45 pm.

Contact Information
If at any time you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me! Thank you,

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Class Information

Book Fair
The fall book fair is coming! This will be a great opportunity to purchase quality reading materials for your child at a great price. Our class will be attending the book fair on Tuesday, October 27th and Wednesday, October 28th. If your child plans to shop at the book fair, please have them bring their money in a sealed envelope or plastic Ziploc bag. Thank you!

Field Trip: Sturbridge Village
The entire fifth grade will be heading to Sturbridge Village on Friday, October 23rd. Students will have the opportunity to see first-hand what life was like in colonial New England. For this special trip, all students must be at school by 8:00 am. This means that students will need to be dropped off in the morning and picked up after school. We will return at 4:30 pm. No bus service will be provided. Stay tuned for more details!

Study Skills Night
This Thursday, October 15 from 6:00-7:15 pm in the cafe, Peck Place will be hosting its second annual Study Skills Night. This informative workshop will consist of study strategies, handouts, and other valuable information for developing good work habits and study skills. Students and their families in 5th and 6th grade are invited to attend.

Interactive Math Notebooks
Every other week, on Tuesday mornings during our math block, the entire fifth grade is meeting as a grade level in the cafeteria for a hands-on math lesson with our math specialist, Mrs. Lukianov. Our focus is developing an interactive math notebook that utilizes different learning modalities (foldables, diagrams, multitude of colors). Thus far we have met two times, and have had great results and positive feedback from students. Be sure to ask your child about it!

Book Share Reminder
Our first book share is due on Friday, November 6th. Please check in with your child to see how the are progressing with this assignment. I appreciate your support!

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