

# Fifth Grade Newsletter for the Week of February 19, 2024

## Coming Events and Announcements

**February 19** – Presidents Day– No School

**March 1<sup>st</sup>**: Parent teacher conferences

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>**: Westward Expansion Day

**April 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>**: CMAS Testing. A tentative schedule is attached at the end of this newsletter.

**Class Composite Pictures:** If you wish to order class composite pictures, you may do so at [interstate.com/order](https://interstate.com/order) and use code 79168B. A previous slip had been sent home which had the incorrect code.

Here's a look at the week ahead:

## Spelling

We will enter List 17 and test on the words of List 17 on Friday, February 23.

## Math

We will begin the next chapter (+, -, x, and ÷ with decimals) with lessons 10-3 through 10-6 on Tuesday through Friday.

## History

We will cross the Great Plains with traders on the Santa Fe Trail, pioneer families on the Oregon Trail, and members of a persecuted religious group to their Promised Land.

## Science

We will examine man's relationship with the our planet as we discuss living off the land as well as our National Parks.

## Writing

We continue to work on our five-paragraph essay using multiple resources on the Westward Expansion.

## Literature

The Secret Garden, by Frances Hodgson Burnett - "Oh the things that have happened in that Garden. If you have never had a garden you cannot understand and if you have a garden you will know that it would take a whole book to describe all the that came to pass there."

## Geography

We are continuing our study of the states and capitals of U.S. by turning to the Midwest region. The next tests will cover the South (March 8), Northeast (April 5), and the All 50 states/capitals test will be on May 1st. Study early, study often.

## Poetry/Recitation

We continue to memorize the poem, I Too Sing, by Langston Hughes. This will be due for recitation during the week of February 19, with the first recitations taking place on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Tentative CMAS Schedule:

April 2024				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8	9	10	11	12
10:30-11:50 5 <sup>th</sup> Math1	10:30-11:50 5 <sup>th</sup> Math2	10:30-11:50 5 <sup>th</sup> Math3	10:25-12:00 5 <sup>th</sup> Sci1	9:00-10:35 5 <sup>th</sup> Sci3
			1:30-3:05 5 <sup>th</sup> Sci2	
12:30-2:15 5 <sup>th</sup> ELA1	12:30-2:15 5 <sup>th</sup> ELA2	12:30-2:15 5 <sup>th</sup> ELA3		

## Character Corner

The related character traits we are focusing on for the month of February are Perseverance and the Pursuit of Excellence. It is a mindset, a focus on consistent effort over long periods of time perfecting yourself and your work. Often referred to as Grit, it is a willingness to embrace the daily grind in order to achieve long-term success.

