

# **Fifth Grade Newsletter for the Week of March 11, 2024**

## **Coming Events and Announcements**

**March 15<sup>th</sup>:** Pi Day.

**March 12<sup>th</sup>:** Dress up day for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade concert. Uniform clothes or nicer, no jeans.

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

**March 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>:** Spring Break- No School

**April 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>:** CMAS Testing.

**April 15/16:** Challenger Space Center Field Trip

**April 17<sup>th</sup>:** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Concert 2:00pm.

Here's a look at the week ahead:

## **Spelling**

We will enter List 20 and test on the words of List 20 on Friday, March 15.

## **Math**

We will cover lessons 11-3 through 11-6, Monday through Thursday. Friday will be an all-day Pi Fest!

## **History**

The nation is finally linked by a Transcontinental Railroad. We will also look at the closing of the frontier and the romanticizing of the Wild West.

## **Science**

We will examine the movements of the earth and the moon. Students should continue to make nightly observations and notes in their sky journals.

## **Writing**

We will discuss essay construction and write from selected texts to further our writing skills and prepare for the type of essay responses commonly seen on CMAS testing.

## **Literature**

The Secret Garden, by Frances Hodgson Burnett – “When new beautiful thoughts began to push out the old hideous ones, life began to come back to him, his blood ran healthily through his veins and strength poured into him like a flood.”

## **Geography**

We will turn toward the Northeast (April 5), and the all 50 states/capitals test will be on May 1st. **Study early, study often.**

## **Poetry/Recitation**

We are studying the next poem for recitation, A Poison Tree, by William Blake. This will be due during the week of March 18. Students have been given one copy of the poem in class; it is also available on the website.

# Character Corner

Our character focus for the month of March is on the importance of exercising Critical Thinking. Critical thinking is a habit that, like all good habits, must be intentionally pursued and practiced.

*Watch your thoughts;*  
they become words.  
*Watch your words;* they  
become actions.  
*Watch your actions;* they  
become habits.  
*Watch your habits;* they  
become character.  
*Watch your character;* it  
becomes your *destiny.*

