

# Fifth Grade Newsletter for the week of August 21, 2022

## Reminders

### **Lunch Prices**

- Extra Entrée \$1.60
- Milk/Juice \$0.75

### **Uniform Policy**

The TCA uniform policy is available online by clicking [HERE](#). Most common violations are belts, socks, and shoes. Please review those policies if you have questions.

### **Homework Policy**

See attached.

## Upcoming Events

**August 22 – Picture Day** – Dress is standard TCA uniform only. No dress up; no denim.

**August 24 & 24 – Literacy Testing** is by appointment only. There is no school on either day so that ALL testing may be completed on these two days; no exceptions, please.

**August 31<sup>st</sup> 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** –Back-to-School Night.

**September 4** – Labor Day – No school.

**September 8, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** - TCA East Carnival.

**September 14<sup>th</sup>** – Field Day – This is a great opportunity for parent volunteers to come out and help our students.

**September 22** - Grandparents Day – You will receive more information about this day in the coming weeks.

Here's a look at the week ahead:

### Spelling

We will enter Rule Pages 1 and 2.

### Grammar

FixIt! Grammar – Robin Hood

### Math

Dimensions Math lessons 1-2 (Mon.), 1-3 (Tues.), and 1-4 (Wed.).

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## **History**

We begin our first unit on the New World cultures of the Mayas, Aztecs, and Incas with a look at the physical geography of Mesoamerica.

## **Science**

We will kick off our year with a lab as we begin our first unit on Investigating Matter.

## **Writing**

We start the year with a review of the components of the Excellence In Writing curriculum and then will begin writing a friendly (informal) letter.

## **Poetry Recitation**

We will introduce students to the American classic, Casey at the Bat, by Ernest Lawrence Thayer. Recitation will be done during the week of September 5th.

## **Literature**

Our first literature book is Carry On, Mr. Bowditch, by Jean Lee Latham. We will be reading chapters 2 through 4 this week. (Fourth grade flashback: Who was Gen. Cornwallis?)

## **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Homework Policy**

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your partnership in your child's education. This homework guideline is to help you manage your child's daily homework. Homework is an essential part of your child's learning. The new concept that they learned in class will be mastered more quickly if they are able to reinforce that learning with a short practice at home.

Most students work best by having a specific location at home for their homework time (a desk in the living room, the kitchen table, etc.). Establish a regular routine, when possible. Consider giving your child a set time for play after school, and then come in for a set time for their homework. Guide your child with questions when applicable. For example, if your child says, "I don't know how to do this," you could respond with, "Where would you start?" or "What would you do first?"

Our grade level guideline is that your child should have an average of 20 to 60 minutes of homework each night. Some nights will be a little less, and some a little more. If your child is consistently working more than 60 minutes on homework each night, please let me know.

<b>Subject Area</b>	<b>Average Minutes per Night</b>
Math Homework	5-30min
Spelling Words	10 min

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Recitation	5-10 min
Assessments/Projects (won't always have these)	10 min
Math Facts*as needed	5 min

Our grade level works on the following project(s) at home during the school year. Please work a little each day on these projects so that your child will not be overwhelmed.

<b>Project</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>At-Home Portion</b>
Explorer Project	November	Working on finding a costume, finding/making a prop, and memorizing the speech which is written in class.

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