



# Our 5th Grade Classroom News

## April

More detailed information regarding curriculum, assignments, and reminders will come weekly from your child's homeroom teacher.

### Reading & Writing

**Reading:** In reading, we'll be reading biographies of athletes who have helped bring about social change. We'll investigate what character strengths and external factors helped them succeed at bringing about a positive change within their sports or within society. Sports legends such as, Jackie Robinson, Jim Thorpe, Duke Kahanamoku, and Billie Jean King will be among our celebrated athletes.

**Writing:** In writing, we'll take what we've learned about these athletes of social change and write opinion essays defending which character strengths and external factors were most influential upon their success.

### Math

In math, we will continue to multiply decimals by whole numbers and by decimals using a variety of models and strategies. We will then explore decimal division, focusing on whole numbers divided by decimals, and decimals divided by whole numbers using models.

We will use what we learned in decimal division and multiplication to convert units of length, capacity, and weight. We will wrap up the month by multiplying fractions by fractions.

### Science/SS

#### Social Studies:

We will not cover a Social Studies unit in April. We are going to do back-to-back science units.

#### Science:

Students will begin on unit Weather Systems on Earth by investigating "What is Air?" We will see what makes up the Earth's Atmosphere and discuss weather variables meteorologists use to track and predict the weather and the instruments they use to measure them. Toward the end of the month, we will be looking at how the uneven heating of the earth's surface affects weather and climate. In doing so we will investigate the three types of heat transfer: radiation, conduction, and convection.

### Calendar



- 4.5** No School
- 4.6** Teacher Workday
- 4.14** ASYNC Day
- 4.28** ASYNC Day

