

Fifth Grade Newsletter

Hunter GT/AIG Magnet Elementary

October 2019

Upcoming Dates

- * Tuesday, October 22: One Hunter event (see handout from the Monday folder)
- * Thursday, October 31: Last day of 1st quarter electives, end of 1st quarter
- * Thursday, October 31: Full school day, no longer a teacher workday (hurricane make-up day)
- * Monday, November 04: 2nd quarter electives begin
- * Monday, November 11: Holiday, no school
- * Tuesday, November 12: 1st quarter report cards go home
- * Week of November 18: Book Fair week
- * Thursday, November 21: Curriculum Night at 5:30 pm
- * Friday, November 22: Hunter Olympics
- * Wednesday, November 29-Friday, November 29: Thanksgiving break

Curriculum Updates

Mathematics:

In the fifth grade mathematics curriculum, we completed graphing and data analysis, coordinates, and volume of rectangular prisms. We completed a study of the order of operations. Currently, we are focusing on multiplication and division strategies in real world situations. Students will be able to solve multi-step multiplication and division word problems using a variety of strategies. Students are working in small groups to practice and extend their learning related to these skills. For enrichment, some students completed a Bake-Off project relating volume and multiplication strategies to a real world scenario. The cakes students created were so creative and made us all hungry!

In 6 Plus Math, we have completed Unit 1, Area and Surface Area of Complex Figures. Currently, we are focusing on Unit 2, Ratios and Fermi Problems. Please see your child's agenda for homework assignments.

Science:

In science, students are working diligently on investigating weather systems. Students completed high quality weather foldable booklets where they explored pressure systems, fronts, and air masses. Continue to practice science vocabulary skills on Quizlet--matching is an amazing way to learn the vocabulary!

English Language Arts:

In language arts, the students have been working on the Stories of Human Rights Unit. As the quarter comes to an end, the students will have an assessment on *Esperanza Rising* and the reading skills that have been covered-- summaries, character reactions, metaphors, and vocabulary development. They will also create their first big piece of published writing, a literary essay, which will demonstrate their grasp of the big questions. Students are also working in differentiated reading groups. Students are learning about literary elements and are developing speaking and listening skills as they discuss the books.

Social Studies:

In social studies, students are learning about the geography of the United States. They will be collaborating in groups and utilizing technology to read high level

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nonfiction text to complete engaging scavenger hunts and activities. Students are also working on completing colonial life booklets using the rubric provided.

Student-Led Conference Dates

A Sign-Up Genius will be sent to parents regarding the conferences.

Wednesday, November 20: Tucker and Worley cohort

Thursday, November 21: McKay and Wooten cohort

Websites of the Month

Check out the following websites for curriculum support:

www.quia.com

www.quizlet.com

These websites contain additional practice with fifth grade skills. Because students have used these websites in class, they will be able to show you these awesome sites!

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