



Lapham Legend

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Math

We have completed our review of place value to the billions, and learned about comparing and ordering numbers which contain decimals. Next we will be working with adding and subtracting whole numbers and decimals. We will have an assessment over these two concepts next week on Friday! Your child will have math homework each and every day in which they can practice a review the concept we worked on in class. Please use the RETEACHING lessons from the packet for instructional ideas if you need them!

Language Arts

We have been working on building our READING STAMINA! Many times it is so easy to become distracted when we are reading; to pop up to grab a tissue, or get a drink, or to start thinking about the week-end. We are practicing focusing on our reading only for at least 20 minutes each day. Students are expected to read in this focused way at home for 20 minutes daily as well. Please help them find a place where they can concentrate, and encourage them to KEEP at it the whole time! I enjoy reading next to my children at home for that 20 minutes; that models for them good focused reading. I encourage you to give it a try!

BAND AND CHORUS:

This week the fifth graders were able to explore different band instruments. I strongly encourage your child to try an instrument and/or chorus this year. Music is an opportunity for your child to think and learn in a different way. For many people, music is a wonderful joy, and did you know that it can increase our intelligence?

Social Studies

This year as we read about the Explorers from 600 years ago who went from Spain, Portugal and other European countries, to Asia and then the New World in the hopes for riches, we will engage in a simulation game where we are on an exploration ship ourselves. We will face obstacles such as hurricanes and disease that will deter us from our goal, but we are ready to take the chance and explore to new places!

Science:

We learned about how our SCHEMAS (personal experiences which change and develop as we read, learn and explore new things) impact the decisions we make in our daily lives. Everyone's schema is different, so the way we look at the world is unique.

Curriculum Night:

I hope to meet you on **Thursday evening, September 8th**, at 7pm. We will have the opportunity to get to know each other and go over what your child will be working on throughout their fifth grade year. Please note the date of the event; last week's newsletter was incorrect.

Important Dates:

- ❖ **Monday, Sept. 5th: No School Labor Day.**
- ❖ **Wednesday. 9/7 5th grade Band Parent Meeting: 7pm**
- ❖ **Thursday 9/8: Picture Day**
- ❖ **Thursday 9/8: 7PM Grades 4 & 5 Open House/Parent Orientation**
- ❖ **Friday 9/9: Scholastic Book Orders Due**
- ❖ **Monday. 9/12 Band Registration 4-7 at Schiesher**