



# Lapham Legend

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## Math

Our next unit covers multiplication and division of decimals. Your child will continue with their current math teacher placement for a few more weeks as we complete our numerical operations work with multiplication and division in combination with what we have learned about decimals. Before we begin our Geometry unit we will pretest the students and place them appropriately for that very different math concept.

**Robert Crown Health Center:** on Thursday we visited the Robert Crown Health Center in Hinsdale. The program for fifth graders focuses on the changes that young people go through as they experience puberty. Year after year I have been impressed with the presenter's honest and direct language, yet their tact with this delicate subject. This is NOT a sex education program, but one that focuses on puberty and caring for developing bodies.

**Fire Drill:** We had a surprise fire drill this week with a twist. One of our students was "kidnapped" by our administrators to see how we would handle a missing child in an emergency. Our class stayed calm, and helped me quickly identify WHO was missing, and if they saw knew anything about where she was. This was especially tricky because we were in the library lab and now in our classroom at the time of the drill. We have observant students, and someone saw who had taken our student and told me about it right away, which led me to know how to locate her safely. This was the goal of the drill, so we passed with flying colors. Great job fifth graders!

## Kenya Connect:

Please work on collecting some pledges for your reading and for the support of our fifth grade service learning project! The information packet of materials came home this week.

**Social Studies:** We enjoyed reenacting our social studies lessons from this chapter by creating skits portraying the main ideas from Explorers chapter 5.

**Science:** We are experimenting with FLIGHT and the variables which impact how far our planes travel. Next week we will test the mass, slope and power variables by changing the standard system that we have developed. We made our own planes with craft sticks, rubber bands and a propeller and are flying them along a 400cm flight line made of fishing line.

**Halloween Party:** A huge thank you is going out to Mrs. Stears for coordinating our classroom Halloween party! It will be on Monday, at 10:30. The Halloween parade is at 10:15. Let's hope for more beautiful weather! Thank you to all of the many volunteers for helping to make the day special!!

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>: Halloween Parties will be held in the morning; bring your costumes to school to change into! This is an EARLY DISMISSAL day! School ends at 11:45.
- Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>: Veteran's Day NO SCHOOL!