

### **Classroom News**

National Pi Day is on Tuesday, March 14th. We will be celebrating that day during mathematics and at the end of the day as a class. Please help us learn more about fractions, long division, and of course pi by bringing in a pie to share. There is no obligation to bring one in but I know it will be a fun way to celebrate math. Thank you in advance for any donations of plates, plastic forks, and napkins too!!

We have been discussing our turn for POW on March 22nd. I have heard a lot of great ideas and enthusiasm to demonstrate Lent to the school. I am so grateful for their hard work and ingenuity of how we will present. Please save the morning of the 22nd to come support your child as they explain this special time of year.

One last volunteer is needed for our Apple Field Trip! We will be going to the Apple Store on Wednesday, April 19th from 12: 40 p.m. to 3:05 p.m. Please log onto Volgistics and sign up to be a chaperone for our class. We will be leaving Cathedral again on March 8th to the Philharmonic Concert. Thank you to the 3 parents who already volunteered!!

Boy's lunch starts next week, March 20th to March 24th. Please pack a lunch that can be eaten in the classroom for your son so we can spend the most time together. All students who get a cold or hot lunch will have the opportunity to get their lunch, however we won't have time for boys to use the microwave that week. We had a lot of fun during girls' lunch and I am so excited to spend time with the boys. Thank you in advance for helping us enjoy it together. Don't worry, all the boys will be able to go outside for recess and get fresh air that week as well.

This was our last week studying our Science standards of the geosphere, hydrosphere, atmosphere, and biosphere. I really enjoyed seeing their growth over the past 3 weeks through the graham cracker lab, mini biospheres, clay sculptures, plotagon presentations, nearpods, and puppet edu app. I feel their understanding of how the earth interacts on a larger scale has helped them become little scientists themselves as they continue to make questions and hypotheses. My hope is they will continue to experiment and discover more at home.

### **Curriculum Focus for Next Week**

#### **Religion**

Next week we continue preparing for our POW assembly and starting chapter 10.

#### **Reading**

Next week we will be starting our small group reading novels. Each book contains an historical event and real/based on real people's experiments. Every student was given one of their top 3 novel choices. We will be researching the historical events in their books to provide background knowledge, while also beginning our novels.

#### **Writing**

Next week students will continue to work on adding 5th grade vocabulary and transitions

as they write more thoughtfully in creating stories about art.

### **Math**

We will continue to study fractions. Students will learn how to add and subtract fractions with different denominators.

### **Science/Social Studies**

We will start Social Studies Chapter 5 on exploring the reasons early settlers decided to start a war with the British. Students will also explain the causes and effects of the Boston Massacre.

### **School News**

It's the time of year to begin thinking of how 5th grade students can support our first grade buddy's service project. For their service project the first graders need assistance assembling Easter baskets to donate to Cares NW. Cares NW is a medical program which serves children who have been abused.

We are in need of the following materials for the first grade service project.

As you are out and about, please consider stocking up on the following:

- Stuffed Easter toys, rabbits, ducks, etc. (These toys are the most needed item!)
- Jelly beans and other Easter candy (Please make sure they are individually wrapped or in small, sealed bags.)
- A large assortment of stickers, pencils, novelty toys (bubbles, play doh, little games)

Please place your family's contributions in the bin in our classroom by April 7. The 5th graders and their buddies will assemble the baskets on April 11<sup>th</sup>. If you're available the morning of the 11<sup>th</sup>, we're in need of parent volunteers to help with this endeavor. Please check Volgistics if this is something you are interested in.

We will also be collecting 1 – 1.5 yards of fleece fabric or money donations for the first grade service project to make fleece "tie blanketets" (see how-to link below). If you would like to help make/tie the blankets for this project please sign up via Volgistics. We will be making blankets after school on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of April.

<https://snapguide.com/guides/make-a-no-sew-fleece-blanket-wout-bulky-knots/>

### **Upcoming Events**

Mathematics Chapter 9 Test, Tuesday March 21st

POW by 5th grade, Wednesday March 22nd at 8:20-8:30 a.m.

Grammar Unit 3 Test, Thursday March 23rd

Social Studies Chapter 5 Test, Friday March 24th

Easter basket items collected by April 7th

Assemble Easter baskets morning of April 11th

Assemble/tie blankets after school on April 12th and 13th

Apple Store Field Trip, April 19th