

Classroom News

Our Architect in School Program is asking for donations of origami paper and colored tape. We will be using these to put the finishing touches on our final project. Students will be researching a country and creating a building for refugees. Their final projects will include green design and innovative thinking to show their understanding of the needs of the climate and people. I am excited to announce that they will also be displayed for the public, so please help us to make our building look "professional" with donations of origami paper and colored tape. We will share all resources with everyone in class, along with any of the recycled materials brought in as well.

Please save the morning of the 22nd to come support your child as they explain Lent during POW. I am so proud because they each chose a part and worked on their part by themselves. It will be a great time to reflect upon Lent and see their hard work.

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. Thank you to the 3 parents who already volunteered!!

Boys' lunch starts next week, from 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 now 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.

Curriculum Focus for Next Week

Religion

Next week we will present during POW assembly and continue chapter 10.

Reading

Next week students will continue working in their small group reading novels. We will be examining the author's purpose, protagonist/antagonist, and making inferences.

Writing

Next week we will start our writing for Art's final presentation. Students will continue to use their understanding of dialogue and creative writing to enhance their themes. We will also be finishing up Unit 3 in Grammar and sharing our grammar songs to help us prepare for the test.

Math

Next week we will have a test on chapter 9. Then we will start adding and subtracting fractions from mixed numbers in chapter 10.

Science/Social Studies

We will finish Social Studies Chapter 5. Students will identify the leaders who wrote and signed the Declaration of Independence. Students will also be able to describe the importance of the battles of Ticonderoga, Trenton, and Saratoga.

School News

It's the time of year to begin thinking of how 5th grade students can support our first grade buddies' 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 11th. If you're available the morning of the 11th, 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 blankets” (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 12th and 13th 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