

Happy Thursday, Wonderful 5th Grade Parents!

In ELA this week we read about the Apollo 13 Mission; otherwise known as the “Successful Failure.” We used the passage to write a well-developed paragraph from the first person point of view of a mission control operator on the ground in Houston. We read a short story titled *Follow the Drinking Gourd* by Jeannette Winter that tells the story of a peg-leg sailor who aided slaves on their escape on the Underground Railroad using the Big Dipper and the North Star. We also read through Chapter 10 in *The City of Ember*. In math, we continued to practice dividing both a decimal by a whole number and a decimal using single and double digits. During our unit of inquiry time, we began digging deeper into constellations, and which constellations we’re able to see at different times of the year. Students made a Universe-in-a-Box to be able to identify which constellations are in our night sky during different seasons. In technology, I showed students how to use and solve math KenKen puzzles.

Building Vocabulary

- ☐ flank (flanked, flanking, outflank) - to protect or guard the sides of
- ☐ hoist - raise something
- ☐ plummet - drop straight down at a high speed

Idiom of the Week:

“Close, but no cigar” – nearly achieving success, but not quite

“Sick as a dog” – to be extremely ill or sick

Morphology

- view - root (meaning to see)
- deci – Latin (tenth, part)

Proverb/Adage

“A stitch in time saves nine.” - (Effort now will prevent more work later.)

Reading:

- The City of Ember
- Follow the Drinking Gourd

Writing: Perspective/Point of View

Middle School Transition

I have attached a flyer that has when all middle school open house events will be taking place. Very helpful 😊

Webber Open House:

PLEASE NOTE: Webber is changing their Open House date:

WAS Wednesday January 12th

NOW Tuesday January 11th

Lesher Middle School Transition Events

Flyer attached

Blevins Middle School:

Flyer attached

Preston Middle School:

[Link to Transition and Registration Calendar for the 2022-23 School year.](#)

Secret Snowman:

This is a fun activity we like to do around Winter Break.

On Tuesday, we pulled names; this determined who each student will be gifting.

1. Do NOT tell anyone who your Secret Snowman is...
2. Gifts must be delivered at school on days listed below (STEALTH MODE)
3. If delivery is a problem or you are absent, please let a 5th grade teacher know
4. Total of all items below should be no less than \$25
5. The more creative you are the more fun the gift giving becomes

The last week of school in December is when the gifting begins.

- Tuesday, December 14th – A Yummy Treat/Snack
- Friday, December 17th– Small Gift & REVEAL

Holiday Party:

We will be keeping our holiday party low-key this year! Please sign-up to donate needed items for both the party and fun science investigations correlated to our 5th grade science and engineering standards! 😊

Elk's Lodge 5th Grade Essay Contest

There's another writing opportunity to win a prize! Essays must be submitted to Ms. Babcock on or before December 15, 2021!

ESSAY PROMPT: "What does it mean to love your country?"

RULES:

1. Eligible participants must be Students enrolled in the 5th grade at the time of the contest.
2. Essay length is not to exceed 250 words.
3. Essay must be typed or legibly printed in ink.

AWARDS:

1st Place - \$100.00

2nd Place - \$75.00

3rd Place - \$50.00

A panel of Elks lodge members will review submissions. Winners will be contacted in March, 2022.

SEL:

We've really been working on group work! I feel like this is a skill *many* 5th graders need to improve with. Some talking points for being a helpful group member:

- *Be sure to share your ideas, as well as listen to others' ideas.*
- *Follow directions, and do what is asked of you. Many students have a hard time with self-control during group-work!*
- *Do not move ahead, and do not fall behind.* I also find this is hard for some kiddos, especially the ones who are super productive and just want to get the task done. These students have a hard time not moving ahead on their own.
- *Realizing the importance of knowing how to productively work with others in the real world.* We talk a lot about how the majority of jobs require you to work with others in one way or another.

Consider Contributing:

In place of a Giving Tree we are once again connecting families with holiday support via our feeder system and community support. If you'd like to help build a memorable Holiday for our local families in need, please consider donating at the [following link](#).

PSD Creative Endeavors Art Show Foothills Mall

November 20th -January 11th Mon-Sat 10AM-8PM, Sun 11AM-8PM

What a fun way to spend part of your vacations! Come on down to the Foothills Mall and celebrate art from our K-12th grade PSD artists. Art is about exploring creative solutions and self-expression. We endeavor and celebrate the process and the effects. Artists from McGraw showing their work have been notified. Stop by and take a look at the fabulous work of our students! Our very own **Zayden and Andrew** have their work displayed!

Upcoming Events:

- **Dec. 3-4 Make-up individual picture at Skillman studio**
- **Dec. 7 SAC meeting 2:35 pm**
- **Dec. 20-Jan. 3 Winter Break – NO SCHOOL**
- **Jan. 4 First day back to school**

Have a wonderful weekend; never hesitate to reach out with any questions, concerns, or celebrations!

Thanks,
Tiffany