



# Fifth Grade News at Burnt Mills ES

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## Dear 5th Grade Families,

It was so good to meet with many of you for parent teacher conferences! We hope you found it helpful learning about your scholar's strengths and areas of growth. Thank you all for the feedback and suggestions you provided on how to best help your child be successful. **If you did not get a chance to meet with your child's teacher(s) please contact them as soon as possible to schedule a time to meet.**

Please make sure your ParentVue account is activated, this helps you stay up to date on their grades

## Important Reminders...

- Please make sure to check your emails, Remind as well as the MyMCPS classroom for **important announcements** and reminders.

## Important Dates to Remember...

- December 3- Picture retakes
- December 24-January 1st- Winter Break
- January 1- Holiday -Schools and offices closed.
- January 2 - Back to school!!

before report cards come out at the end of each quarter. Here is a [link](#) with step by step instructions on how to activate your accounts. We know that you are receiving tons of emails daily from multiple systems, however the best way to make sure our scholars are successful is for all stakeholders to be in constant communication.

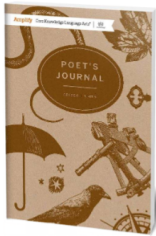
December is a short month for us. However, it will prove to be a busy time for us all. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Remember that we may be distant but we are together!

Happy Holidays,  
The Fifth Grade Team



### In Literacy...



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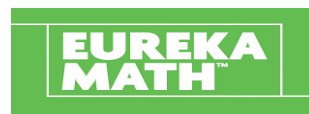
## Unit 3 Poetry

In this unit, students will learn the tools and strategies needed to approach poetry. Students will explore the methods and devices used by poets, which will prepare them to read and interpret both formal and free verse poems. Students will also have many opportunities to practice what they have learned by creating their own poems. Students will use a Poet's Journal that contains activity pages tied to each instructional lesson. The poems for each lesson are printed in the journal, and the activity pages allow students to review material, answer questions, complete comprehension activities, and compose poems themselves. In their writing lessons, students will work either independently or collaboratively to create original poems that model the structure and style of the poems they studied in each lesson.

**\*\*Students should read at least 20 minutes daily.\*\***



### In Math...



- Students are continuing their work on building their fluency skills, working collaboratively with their peers, and using new skills and strategic practices to complete mathematical tasks independently.
- Students are now working on Module 3, which focuses on adding and subtracting fractions.
- We look forward to continuing building our mathematical capacities this year!

### In Social Studies...

Students will describe the impact of the transcontinental railroad on Westward Expansion and people's lives, identify the origin and purpose of a document, and identify the historical setting in which a document was created and its importance.

### In Science:

Students will learn about what happens to our garbage. What are landfills and the process in which our garbage is picked up and sorted.