

Happy Thursday, Wonderful 5th Grade Parents!

As a reminder, there is no school this Monday, January 17th in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

In ELA this week, we continued reading *Hoot*. We have been discussing setting, point of view, problem/solution, figurative language and characters through the novel. In math, we continued with multiplying fractions by fractions using both models and the standard algorithm. We also worked on finding the area of rectangles with fractional dimensions, and began multiplying with mixed numbers. During our unit of inquiry time, students answered the questions of: What do plants eat? Where do fallen leaves go? Do worms really eat dirt? These explorations helped students explore and critically think about what needs to be added to their biomes to create a self-sustaining ecosystem. Students should be thinking about what materials and supplies they can bring in from home to create their biospheres.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration 2022

A citywide Candlelight Vigil In collaboration with Colorado State University and other community partners, the City of Fort Collins is hosting a citywide candlelight vigil in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, January 17, 2022. The City's Neighborhood Services Department invites neighbors across Fort Collins to set battery-powered, tea light luminaries along sidewalks and driveways as an act of remembrance and solidarity with the work of Dr. King, past civil rights leaders, and those who continue to fight for social justice today. (#FOCOMLK2022) These small lights throughout our city seek to honor the words of Dr. King when he said, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." The theme for this year's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration is "The March is Far from Over."

For more information about other activities in Fort Collins celebrating the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., please visit: mlk.fortcollins.org.

Luminary Materials Pickup Times and Locations:

- January 10, 11 AM-1 PM at the Council Tree Library (2733 Council Tree Ave.)
- January 13, 5-7 PM at the Senior Center (1200 Raintree Dr.)
- January 15, 1-3 PM at City Hall (300 Laporte Ave.) Luminary Materials Request Form

<http://s.alchemer.com/s3/Martin-Luther-King-Jr-Day-2022-Luminary-Materials-Request-Form> Share this info with others or order some for yourself. Be a point of light and connect with others in the process.

Absences

My learning page is the best resource for any absences! I have a daily scope and sequence for what we will be completing each week.

If your child has to quarantine or is absent for whatever reason, please go through the front office; they will let us know how long your child will need to quarantine for and I will contact you shortly after I'm filled in with next steps for picking up work!

SEL:

Students are getting anxious and excited for middle school! A few things we discussed:

- ☐ It's normal to have a mixture of emotions with this transition; most are in the same boat as you!
- ☐ The importance of having pride in your work
- ☐ Effort-neatness of work
- ☐ The importance of advocating for yourself and being an active participant in your learning!

Yearbook Cover Contest

Students have the opportunity to create and submit a cover for the yearbook. I have attached the flier to reference, as needed.

Upcoming Events:

Jan. 17 No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Jan. 20 Kindergarten registration deadline

Jan. 21 School of Choice deadline

Jan. 25 PTSO meeting

Have a WONDERFUL weekend ♥♥

Tiffany and Stephanie