

Fifth Grade Newsletter

PS 173 Q

January 2019

Reading Workshop

In January, the students will move on to Reading Research Based- Argumentative Essays. The students will be able to read various essays of different topics that have opposing point of views. They will be able to quote accurately from text, draw inferences based upon their reading, and summarize main ideas through supporting details.

Students should continue to read appx. 45 minutes without interruption to help build their stamina. During this time, students should be continuing to monitor themselves as they read by stopping and jotting or questioning themselves about the text.

Writing Workshop

In writing, students will be writing research based argument essays on topics of their choice. The students will establish a clear argument/thesis, support it with relevant details/evidence, and give a clear conclusion that restates their main idea.

Social Studies

The Fifth Grade students will continue to learn about Mexico's development as a nation, the different perspectives during the tumultuous time of Mexico's independence, and impact they had on its economy.

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Math

In topic 8, students will apply their understanding of multiplication to multiply fractions and mixed fractions.

In topic 9, students will learn how to interpret a fraction as division and learn to divide fractions through the use of multiplication.

Science

Students will play the role of food scientists working for Good Food Production, Inc., students are introduced to the ideas that all matter is made of particles too small to see and that each different substance is made of particles (molecules) that are unique. Students are then challenged to solve two problems: One problem requires them to separate a mixture, and the other problem requires them to make unmixable substances mix. Students are challenged to use the particulate model of matter to explain their work to the president of the company. In so doing, students figure out that the properties of materials are related to the properties of the nanoparticles that make up those materials.

Reminders:

- Students are encouraged to bring a sweatshirt or sweater to class.
- Please refer to Senior Packet regarding Senior Spirit Week
- Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle each day.
- Please check and sign your child's planner and reading log daily.
- Important Dates:
 - Jan. 2- Back to school
 - Jan. 11- Assembly
 - Jan. 21- MLK Day (no school)
 - Jan. 17- PTA meeting 6:30 pm