



5th Grade Newsletter Weeks of September 27- October 1

Greetings 5th-Grade Families

Dear Parents,

The air is beginning to get cooler, which tells us that quarter one is coming to an end. In quarter one we set expectations, established habits, and introduced new curriculums and ideas. We are excited to take a break, fill our cups, and come back ready to begin another portion of our year, continually diving deeper into the rich curriculum of 5th grade.

Dates to Remember

Thursday: Math Assessment

Friday: Spelling Test

Fall Break: 10/4-10/8

Subject Overviews

Language Arts: This week we move forward by learning how to combine a chronological narrative of a past event and a description of a place in one piece of writing. We will study the Latin roots: “Dentis”, “Corpus”, and Unus”. We will continue to discuss and memorize Robert Frost’s “The Road Not Taken”. We will also begin to introduce our next literature book, *Black Ships Before Troy*. Please ensure that your scholar brings this with them to school.

Math: this week we will discover the difference between a fraction multiple times and a fraction of an amount. We will incorporate some measurements and conversions into our work and have an assessment on Thursday before we enjoy our break.

History: We will look at the special relationship between artists and patrons in the Renaissance by studying Leonardo Da Vinci and the Medici Family. On Friday, the scholars will respond to various questions about the Renaissance, using their notes and readings as guidance. We are looking for fulling formed ideas that are supported by evidence scholars find.

Science: As an introduction to our astronomy unit starting next quarter, this week we will look at the vastness of the universe and how it all came to be. Scholars should be prepared for some fun and challenging discussions in class.

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Spelling Roots and Words

Root: Dentis – Latin, meaning “tooth”
dentist – tooth doctor
denture – set of false teeth

Root: Corpus – Latin, meaning “body”
corporeal – pertaining to the body
incorporate – to make into a body

Root: Unus – Latin, meaning “one”
union – act of making one out of many
unicorn – mythical horse with one horn
on its head

Sincerely,
Your 5th-Grade Team

Ms. Kwan, Ms. Hunter, Ms. Mueller, Ms. Moore, Mr. Jefferson, and Mr. Messana

The Road Not Taken
by Robert Frost

TWO roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

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Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

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And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

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I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

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