



5th Grade Newsletter Week of February 7 - 11

Greetings 5th-Grade Families

Dear Parents,

On Friday, January 28th, as part of a scholarly enrichment event, we had a visit from the Fragile Planet Animal Park. Our guest lecturers for that event included a spectacled owl, a snake, a star tortoise, and a baby alligator. This past Wednesday, scholars took their first quiz on the Northeast states and capitals and received a new list of states and capitals for the Southeastern part of the United States. Scholars also started reciting their chosen poem from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. We have Galileo testing on Monday, February 7th, and Thursday, February 10th.

Subject Overviews

Language Arts: We will transition back to composition with a focus on writing a description of a person and having diversity in our sentences. We will study the Latin root “Homo” and the Greek roots “Anthropos” and “Paidos”. The scholars will be tested over these words on Friday, February 11th. We will continue with our recitations of Shakespeare’s *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. We will continue to read *The Secret Garden*.

Math: In math this week, we will be focusing on multiplying and dividing a decimal number by another decimal number.

History: We are wrapping up our Early Presidents Unit this week. We will learn about Andrew Jackson and the many less influential Presidents that follow leading to the Civil War. We will have an open note, open book quiz on Friday over this unit.

Science: We are going to conclude our unit on cells by looking at their process of mitosis and meiosis (or cell division) and how DNA works in the cell.

Dates to Remember

Monday: Galileo
Thursday: Galileo
Friday: Math and Spelling
Assessment

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Spelling Roots and Words

Root: Homo – Latin, meaning “man, human being”
human – relating to or characteristic of human beings
ad hominem – attacks against a man personally rather than at his ideas or policies

Root: Anthropos – Greek, meaning “man, mankind, humankind”
anthropomorphize – attribute humanity to animals or things
philanthropist – a generous giver to education, charity, or social work

Root: Paidos – Greek, meaning “child”
pediatrician – a doctor for children
pedagogy – art or skill of teaching children

Sincerely,
Your 5th-Grade Team

Ms. Mueller, Ms. Moore, Mr. Jefferson, Mr. Pittu and Mr. Messana

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Act II scene I

By William Shakespeare

Puck:

I know a bank where the wild thyme blows,
Where oxlips and the nodding violet grows,
Quite over-canopied with luscious woodbine,
With sweet musk-roses and with eglantine:
There sleeps Titania sometime of the night,
Lull'd in these flowers with dances and delight;
And there the snake throws her enamell'd skin,
Weed wide enough to wrap a fairy in:
And with the juice of this I'll streak her eyes,
And make her full of hateful fantasies.

Fairy:

Over hill, over dale,
Thorough bush, thorough brier,
Over park, over pale,
Thorough flood, thorough fire,
I do wander everywhere,
Swifter than the moon's sphere;
And I serve the fairy queen,
To dew her orbs upon the green:
The cowslips tall her pensioners be;
In their gold coats spots you see;
Those be rubies, fairy favours,
In those freckles live their savours:
I must go seek some dew-drops here
And hang a pearl in every cowslip's ear.
Farewell, thou lob of spirits: I'll be gone;
Our queen and all her elves come here
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