



5th Grade Newsletter

OCTOBER, 2022

Reminders

- In case of an emergency or time sensitive matters, please call the front office at 240-740-0620. Teacher inboxes are not monitored during instruction times. We make every effort to respond to your communications in a timely manner during weekdays.
- Pre-Registration for Open House is required. Click [HERE](#) to register.
- Please return the field trip permission slips and any necessary fees.
- Sign up for [School Cash Online](#) - New MCPS payment system.

Mrs. Proctor - Reading Dates to Remember

- 10/5 - No School
- 10/10 - Open House (9:30-10 & 10-10:30)
- 10/11 - Student Picture Day
- 10/11 - PTA Meeting (6:30pm)
- 10/24 - No School
- 10/27 - Strathmore Field Trip
- 10/29 - Streets & Treats (1 - 3pm)

Ms. Mosca - Math

Students should read a minimum of 20 minutes each day. Please initial their reading log weekly.

Concluding Unit 1 The U.S. Constitution: Then and Now

- View previous newsletter for information.
- Commencing Unit 2 Developing Characters Relationship: Why do we value certain qualities in people?
- Students read selections about character development, consider varied viewpoints, and construct opinions.
 - [Get to know the author Jason Reynolds.](#)
 - Discuss often how our actions have consequences that impact our "stories."
 - [Activity Calendar](#)

Mr. Leavitt - Writing & S.S./Science/Health

Writing

Students will be continuing to practice the first 8 minutes of class on handwriting and free writing in their journals.

- Students will be focusing on comma usage in their writing
- Using reference material to check spelling. We will be reading texts and cross referencing material.
- Writing will focus on opinion essays.

Blocks 1 and 2 will finish analyzing "Shiloh" and writing their summaries.

ELC: Students will complete their second narrative writing and focus on conventions of improving their narrative writing.

S.S./Science/Health

- The science unit will focus on the Chesapeake Bay and elements that affect the Bay's water quality.
- We will evaluate storm runoff and its effect on local tributaries.
- Students will understand human affect on local natural resources and how to be better stewards.

- We will also continue weekly spelling tests with word patterns as well as begin a new at home reading book this week.

Mr. Quinn - Compacted Math

In October:

- Students will work with 2 and 3 dimensional figures.
- Volume is introduced to students through concrete exploration of cubic units.
- Students will engage in hands on construction of 2 dimensional shapes, developing a foundation for classifying the shapes by their attributes.

Students will have nightly homework assignments in their Eureka Succeed books. These books are to remain at home.

Module 2: Multi-Digit Whole Number and Decimal Fraction Operations

[Module 2 Parent Guide](#)

Ms. Moffitt - ELC

ELC students will work on non-fiction texts during October focusing on social studies content including:
The Boston Tea Party, The American Revolution, Intolerable Acts, The Battle of Lexington and Concord and Washington's Letter to His Wife Martha.

- We will learn to use text features to help understand complex ideas and vocabulary terms.
- We will learn to cross reference historical events using multiple first and second hand sources.