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# Fifth Grade Weekly Update

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Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Look forward to seeing everyone in 2017!

We look forward to having our student teacher joining us Jan. 3 when we return to school. She will be working with many small groups in the first few weeks and will then start teaching shortly after that!

## Upcoming date to remember:

- Dec. 19 – Jesse Tree Ornaments Due
- Dec. 19 – All English Redo assignments Due
- Dec. 20 – English Chapter 3 test (verbs)
- Dec. 21 – Watch Sign of the Beaver in the morning
- Dec. 21 – Christmas Party at 1:30-3:00
- Dec. 22 – Jesse Tree Ornament Exchange
- Dec. 19 and 21 – Christmas Colors – Tops Only
- Dec. 22 – Fun Dress Day – Patterns day! \$1

## Bored over Christmas break:

\*I highly encourage students to log on to [xtramath.org](http://xtramath.org) each day during break. Knowing facts makes math much easier and will cut down on homework time!

\*Students have pledged to read one book over Christmas break. They will be taking these books home and will then write a short book review about their book when they return to school in January.

## What we are learning...

### Reading: Sign of the Beaver

Students are enjoying our historical fiction book. This book relates to our social studies projects on Native Americans and it has been fun to compare the different tribes we are studying. We will be watching the movie on Tuesday morning. It is an educational movie with no rating, so no permission slip will be coming home this time. With our large packet, there will not be a final test over this novel.

Writing: Students wrote a conclusion to their personal narratives. We went over a personal narrative checklist to make sure we are adding everything we need to our pieces. Students started typing them and will finish them after Christmas break.

English: Students are reviewing verbs and learning how to diagram sentences. We are starting to understand all parts of speech and how they fit together to form sentences.

Religion: Students are loving our Jesse Tree projects. I can't wait for them to share their ornaments with the class. We are also learning about the sacrament of reconciliation. We had our school reconciliation on Tuesday.

Social Studies: We finished our Native American presentations and will share these after Christmas break!

Science: We will pick up science after break. We will really dive into our life science unit.

Math: We started division! We will be working with division all December and January.



Students had their first homework project with GoogleDrive due this week! We will be sharing the Native American Google Presentations in January. I received many emails with issues regarding the use and logging in. I want to remind parents that students have had this project for three weeks and were asked to log on a number of times within the last three weeks. I encourage students to not wait until the last minute as I may not be able to respond right away to all emails the night before it is due. The presentations look great and I can wait to hear the students present.