

# Fifth Grade Weekly Update



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Edition 5



Thank you for signing up on SeeSaw. It is great to see parents comment on their child's posts. They have really enjoyed reading your comments. Throughout the year we will be adding more educational content to the blog posts. Right now they are just learning how to post pictures, notes, videos, etc. I feel this app is a great way for students to assess their learning and set goals.

Thank you to everyone for helping with the Halloween party. They had a great time! Pictures are up on my website ☺

Upcoming date to remember:

Nov. 9 – Spelling Bee at 12:30

Nov 11 – Veteran's Day Parade

\*We encourage students to invite their parents, grandparents, friends, neighbors, etc. We had a school practice this week and it is going to be a wonderful show!

Nov. 16 - Thanksgiving Feast

Nov. 18 – South American Countries Quiz

Nov. 21 – Figurative language quiz

Nov. 21 – Science Unit test

Dec. 2 – Oral testing of the Apostle's Creed

The next literature circle book will start the day after Thanksgiving and will be finished before Christmas. Historical fiction novels can often be difficult because of the background information needed to understand the time period. I encourage parents to sit down with their child and read parts of the book to help them understand what is going on. We meet periodically in class to discuss the book, but reading together will also help comprehension.



Report cards will go home with students on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

This week in the Friday Folder you will notice a conference agenda sheet. If you would fill this out and return it by Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, I will use this information to best use our time at conferences. When looking at the report card for first quarter, you might have some questions or comments and you can add those to the agenda sheet and we can address them during our time together.

What we are learning...

Reading: A Fish in a Tree

We will finish reading the book next week! The following week students will complete a number of activities dealing with theme, story mapping, changing characters, etc. Students will review figurative language and will have a quiz Nov. 21. Students will also create a project on an adage of their choice and write about what it means to them. Our next literature circle novels will begin after Thanksgiving. We will be learning about the historical fiction genre.

Writing: Personal Narratives

This week students added internal stories (thoughts and feelings) to their writing. Next week we will start to learn about dialogue and add dialogue to our personal narratives.

English: Verbs!

Students started their verb unit and have learned about action verbs, linking verbs, and helping verbs. We are also practicing how to diagram sentences to review everything we have learned this year so far!

Religion: All students finished their rough drafts of their I Am poems. The students were orally tested on the Act of Contrition. The month of November the students will review the Apostle's Creed which will be assessed Dec. 2.

Social Studies: We wrapped up our first unit on early Americans. Students will have their first test Tuesday. There will be three parts to the test. 1) Vocabulary terms – which can be studied by using the quizlet on my website 2) Knowing the five themes of geography (remember MR. LIP) and 3) Multiple choice questions over the notes and discussions we have had in class.

Science: Learning about physical properties and physical changes. We will move forward by discussing chemical changes. The first test will be Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> in order to start our second science unit after Thanksgiving.

Math: Students are reviewing multiplication of larger numbers. They were introduced to least common multiples (LCM) to prepare us for our fractions unit. They took a pretest over multiplying decimals this week and we will start this part of unit next week.