

# 5th Grade Newsletter

December 4, 2023 - January 5, 2024

## A peek at the upcoming weeks

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- ~Complete Checkbook Activity (Dec. 19) and make sure register and google sheet match
- ~Begin Unit 4: Decimal Concepts & Coordinate Grids
- ~Discuss and use decimal place value to write, expand, compare, order, and round decimals
- ~Plot points on a coordinate grid using the x-axis and y-axis

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This week we will continue to explore Newton's laws of motion. We will continue to learn about the different types of forces, inertia. This week will focus on Newton's 2nd and 3rd laws, and how forces can affect an object's speed and direction. We will learn how to determine speed and velocity and will have a quiz this Friday, December 8th. Following break we will begin our unit on the solar system.

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Starting next week we will finish & continue to learn about early civilizations of the western hemisphere. We will explore the Aztec empire in modern day Mexico. We will learn how they lived prior to the arrival of Europeans. We will research their government, social structures, religion, technology and agricultural practices that allowed their civilization to flourish just as we did previously with the Maya. There will be a quiz over the material covered Tuesday, December 19th.

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On **November 28** we began the book The Best Christmas Pageant Ever by Barbara Robinson. We will continue to work on a variety of activities with this book that deal with new vocabulary, comparing and contrasting, point of view, problem and solution, and summarizing. If students don't complete work in class, it will be homework. We will finish this book and have a test over it on Wednesday, December 13. We will also complete a fun writing project called "Help I'm Trapped in a Snowglobe," and I will start to read aloud Moo by another Ohio author, Sharon Creech.

## Mark your calendar

Dec. 5: PTO mtg. @ 5pm

Dec. 7: Cookie Dough Delivery to ACE

Dec. 20 - Jan. 2: Winter Holiday Break

Jan. 9: PTO mtg. @ 5pm

Dec. 7: Holiday Breakfast 7:30 - 9:00 am

Dec. 14: Musical @ 7:00pm WHS

Jan. 3: School Reconvenes

Jan. 12: End of 2nd Grading Period