

5TH GRADE NEWS

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Wanless Mission Statement: In order to become lifelong learners, Wanless Elementary will empower students to face the future with confidence and success.

Wanless Focus Statement: I can understand what I read and share my own thoughts!

What is happening in 5th Grade

GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT WANLESS!

FRUIT AND DONUTS WITH DAD

On Friday, October 14th, Wanless will be hosting Fruit and Donuts with Dad from 7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. We are inviting all dads, grandpas, uncles, or anyone else involved in the life of a Wanless student is welcome to attend.

PICTURE DAY IS OCTOBER 20TH

Lifetouch will be at Wanless on Thursday, October 20th for school pictures. Flyers and order forms are included in this week's folders. Please return all orders and money on or before Oct. 20th.

BOOK IT IS COMING

Do you remember Book It when you were in school? Our 5th grade classes are going to be participating in Book It this year. We are going to be asking all 5th grade students to read 300 minutes each month. Once your child has completed their 300 minute reading log, they can return it to us and receive a free Pizza Hut pizza!



Parker and Sabrina practice their math facts on iPod touches.



Students use laptops to strengthen their skills

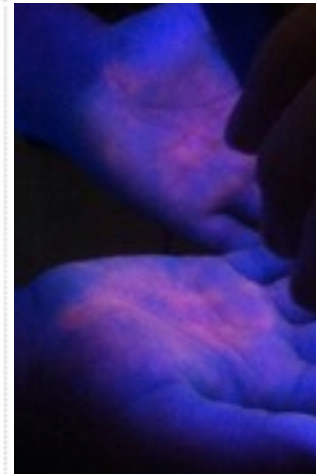


Smartboards are used daily.

We incorporate technology into our classrooms on a daily basis. Ask your child what technology what technology they used today.



As part of our health unit, students listened to Kim Lutz, a RN at St. John's Hospital, about how much sugar is in soda



Glow germs showed how germs spread

MATH

Today we began how to divide by two digit divisors. In this topic, students will be using patterns to divide, estimating quotients with two digit divisors, how to solve multiple step problems, how to divide by multiples of 10, and much more. Your child needs to know their multiplication and division facts in order for their math to be easier. We are seeing many of our students who are struggling with their basic facts and it is making their math much more difficult. Please continue to practice their basic facts at home on a nightly basis.

READING

This week we began a new theme, entitled Give It All You Got. This theme focuses on six stories where the main character gives it all that they have to achieve their goals. This week we are reading Michelle Kwan: Heart

of a Champion. This non-fiction piece discusses the hard work and challenges that Michelle Kwan faced to become an Olympic Figure Skater.

HEALTH

During the first quarter, we have been focusing on good hygiene and healthy habits. Many of our students were surprised to learn how quickly germs spread! On Friday, we will be taking an end of the quarter health assessment on healthy life choices that we have learned during the first quarter.

SOCIAL STUDIES

We will be continuing Chapter 10. We will not be able to finish this chapter before the quarter ends, so this will continue this into second quarter. Science and Social Studies units will always take us longer to complete since we do not teach it on a daily basis.

Spelling Words:

1. basketball
2. wheelchair
3. cheerleader
4. newscast
5. weekend
6. everybody
7. up-to-date
8. grandparent
9. first aid
10. wildlife
11. highway
12. daytime
13. whoever
14. test tube
15. turnpike
16. shipyard
17. homemade
18. household
19. salesperson
20. brother-in-law
21. afternoon
22. ninety-nine
23. everywhere
24. all right
25. breakfast