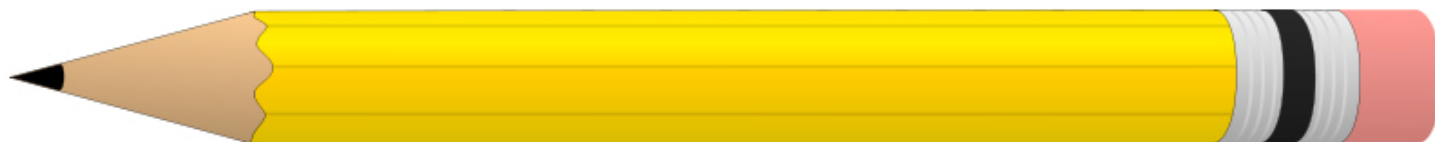


5th Grade Newsletter

Mrs. Pyle & Mrs.
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January 4, 2012



What we are learning this week

Math – This week our students are working on Topic 10 of the envision math series. This topic deals with fractions. We will be learning to add and subtract fractions with common denominators and unlike denominators. We cannot stress enough how important it is that your child knows their multiplication and division facts. This will make understanding these concepts much easier.

Reading – Next week we are beginning Theme 4 of our reading book. This entire theme focuses on personal interactions that various characters have with each other. We will also be focusing on nouns and adjectives. Nouns name persons, places, and things. Adjectives describe nouns – such as fuzzy, cute, happy, etc.

Social Studies – This week we are working on Chapter 12. They are included in this week's folder. On Friday each student was given a study guide with all of the test questions and answers to study! Please review this test with your child, sign it, and return it as soon as possible.

Spelling – Next week your child will have 30 spelling words. They will be written in their planners. Since it is a review week, these are all words that they should have had in the last four weeks. Please review these words with your child before our spelling test on Friday.

Important Information

Report Cards Are Going Home Today!

2nd quarter report cards are going home today. Please look over the report card and sign and return the back sheet as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Middle School Is Quickly Approaching

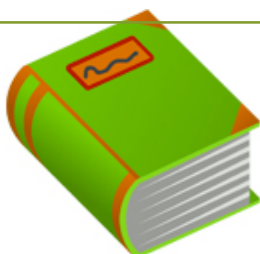
This week started the 3rd quarter of 5th Grade. Middle School will be here for your child before you know it! Today the middle school deans came to visit our fifth grade students to discuss how the middle school schedule will work. We will send home your child's middle school sheet next Tuesday.

Middle School Preview Night

On Tuesday, January 29th all of the Springfield Public Middle Schools will be hosting a middle school preview night. We are strongly encouraging you and your child to attend this preview night so that we are able to familiarize yourself with the middle school process.

Fifth Grade Parent Night

On Thursday, January 24th, we will once again be hosting 5th grade night. We will meet from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in Mrs. Pyle's room. We will be discussing SRI/SMI and answering any questions that you may have regarding middle school.



For your
Calendar

Jan. 21st
No School

Jan. 24th
5th Grade Night

Jan. 29th
Middle School Night

Feb. 8th
No School – Inservice Day

Reading is Important in 5th Grade

One of our school wide goals is to increase our reading scores. Research has shown that the best way for students to improve their reading scores is just simply to read. We provide several opportunities for our students to read during the day. Some examples of this would include reading their textbooks, guided reading, partner reading, and independent reading. We are asking for children to read at home.

Illinois State Family Reading Night is Thursday, November 15th! Be sure to set aside some time at home to read with your kids. Here are some ways you can make Family Reading Night special:

- o Read aloud your child's library book to the whole family.
- o Reread or act out a favorite story.
- o Pile into one bed and read bedtime stories until everyone falls asleep!
- o Have everyone grab their favorite blanket and pillow and curl up in one room to read silently – together.
- o Ask questions after reading, like what was your favorite part and why? Did the story remind you of any other stories or people you know?

Bring the joys of reading into your home on November 15th, Family Reading Night!

There are book orders included in this week's Tuesday folders. Book orders are another great way for students to get high interest books at a really cheap price. Last week we sent home new book orders in our students' Tuesday folders. If you choose to order online, you will receive a coupon for \$5.00 off of a future order. The code to order online is **HN9GF**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are happy to help in any way that we can!

Wanless Elementary's Mission and Vision Statements

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

Vision Statement: Wanless will become a productive learning community that empowers our students and families by presenting instruction with integrity and fidelity.



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