

Good evening, families!

We are currently working on a schedule of all of the end-of-year dates and other 5th grade events. We will get it out as soon as everything has been approved.

NEWS & DATES:

- Thursday, Nov 10 - Dress as Your Favorite Book character Day (\$1 to participate)
- Friday, Nov. 11 - Veteran's Day: No School
- Monday, Nov. 14 - Canned Yam Food Drive Begins: Bring in your canned yams
- Monday, Nov. 21 – Team & Group Pictures
- Wednesday-Friday, Nov. 23-25 - Thanksgiving Break: Enjoy your time with family!

Math

The students are working on decimal operations & metric measurement this week. We have already covered addition and subtraction, and started multiplication today. We will cover division of decimals at the beginning of next week, and metric measurement will be embedded in the lessons for the next two weeks. The test is scheduled for Tuesday, November 22. Please visit the math page of the website (www.NanceNinjas.com) for details, examples, and links. We will be using the textbook & workbook at times, but it is perfectly okay for students to use the materials at home for extra practice.

In the textbook & workbook, here is where you can find the skills we are learning throughout this unit:

Adding & Subtracting Decimals: 2-6, 2-7, 2-8

Multiplying Decimals: 6-5, 6-6, 6-7

Dividing Decimals: 7-4, 7-5, 7-6, 7-7

Metric Measurement: 13-4, 13-5, 13-6

**Students that wish to retake the Area & Volume Assessment have two weeks to take it. It will need to be completed by the end of the day next Friday, November 18th. They can choose from (1) before school, (2) Recess, (3) Interventions, or (4) WINN Time (last period) on any day. They will need to let me know ahead of time what their choice is to ensure that I'm available.

Science

The students have been working on Owl Pellets for the past few days. There are lots of pictures up on the Science page of the website of the students working! There are also games on that page for the students to use to practice bone names. Over the next week and a half, we will focus on the names of the bones and the joints of the body. They will have a quiz on Monday, November 21st. That is also the last day they will have science before switching to Social Studies for the rest of the semester.

READING / ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Unit Four: Nonfiction with focus on Biographies

In Reading, students will take a short quiz on Thursday over main idea and supporting details of a biography. They will need to apply the strategies we are working on in class, such as: annotating text, looking for infographics, underlining repeating words, looking at titles/headings, noticing paragraphs/sections, and writing main ideas in the margins of the text. They will also need to know how to quote text accurately when using it as evidence.

In Writing/ ELA, they will continue jotting down notes on their legendary leaders, researching information, paraphrasing, summarizing, and quoting information about their leader. They will be writing an informational report that is focusing on the following: the writing process, capitalization, research questions, sources, and quotation marks.

Unit Four:

- Non-fiction study that will last until December 21
- Determining multiple main ideas in the text
- Accurately quoting the author as evidence
- Identify relationships among words with multiple meanings
- Identify relationships among synonyms
- Identify relationships among antonyms
- Select and apply text features to determine the meanings of unknown words
- Apply text features to determine the meanings of unknown words
- Explain the relationships or interactions between two or more events in a historical, scientific, or technical text based on specific information in the text
- Explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support claims in a text
- Determine two or more main ideas of a text
- Explain how the main ideas are supported by key details
- Quote accurately from a text when drawing on inferences from the text