Fifth Grade News

October 2009

- Parent teacher conferences are **Tuesday, October 27 and Thursday, October 29 from 3:30-6:30**. Please sign up for a time at the bottom of this newsletter.
- Financial Edge came and talked to the Fifth grade students about working at the school credit union. Students are filling out job applications and interviews will be Oct. 12.
- MEAP starts October 13. Please make sure your student eats well and gets lots of sleep.
- This year we have scheduled some new and exciting field trips at the Bay City State Park. For instance, Oct. 26 we will be learning how to use bows and arrows. This ties in closely with our science kits we will be studying later this year on Forces of Motion. We are asking that students bring in **$5.00**, as soon as possible, to cover the costs of this year's field trips. We will be doing our best to do fund raisers to help offset the rest of the cost.
- Look forward to future newsletters to explain future trips and special projects your 5th grader will be participating in.
- Sandi Dezelah will be coming to do a presentation on Native Americans in Michigan for our 5th grade students on October 30.
- Also on October 30th the Parent group will be organizing a Spooktacular Halloween activity in the gym. Please send in candy donations as soon as possible.
- First 5th Grade Fundraiser: Nov. 12 Cotton Candy Sale. Let us know if you can volunteer.

Planner Abbreviations:

MJ= Math Journal Ent. = Entrance Slip Tog. = Together Hmwk. = Homework
DS = Daily Science WG = Whole Group DMS = Daily Map Skills

Math:

Students are working on multiplication, estimating, and story problems in math. Every night your student should be bringing home their math journal to show you what we are doing in class. They also have math homework every day. Please check their planner and journal to make sure it is complete. The only way to get better at math is too PRACTICE.

Science:

We have been preparing for the science MEAP. This has included Daily Science questions as well as test taking strategies. Our Science notebooks will be due on Wednesday, October 21.

Social Studies:

We are studying the Native American tribes of the United States at the time the Europeans arrived. A Native American Tribe report will be assigned later this month.

ELA:

Mr. Hemingway's room is reading the novel Sign of the Beaver, Mr. Kraut's room is reading the novel Where the Red Fern Grows, and Mrs. Kraut's room finished reading Frindle and is now starting Hatchet. Ask your student to give you a book review of their book. (Would they recommend this book to you to read? Why or Why not?)

Thanks—Mrs. Kraut, Mr. Kraut, Mr. Hemingway, and Mrs. Bragiel
If you have any questions, please email; send a note in your child's planner, or call.

Please cut on the line and return the bottom portion to your child's teacher. Thank you!
I have read the above newsletter and I am aware of what is going on in Fifth Grade.
_____Parent Signature_____Student
I am available for a conference on _____at_____.
Date Time
We will do our best to accommodate you and send home a confirmation in your child's planner.