



January, 2010 FIFTH GRADE NEWS



- On January 22 we will be headed to the Bay City State Park to try out our snowshoeing skills. It should be very exciting and a new challenge for all. Please make sure your son or daughter wears snow pants, winter coat, boots, mittens and a hat. They will have the option to order a school sack lunch or may bring a lunch from home. A permission slip was sent home the first week of January. If the permission slip was lost a new one can be printed off the school website.
- It is time for **Parent Teacher Conferences** again. The dates are Tuesday, Feb. 2 and Thursday, Feb. 4 from 3:30-6:30. Please fill out the bottom of the newsletter and return to your child's teacher.
- Our next cotton candy fundraiser will be February 11th before Valentine's Day. Please check your calendars and let your child's teacher know if you would be available to help. The money raised from this sale will go towards the supplies needed for students to build a wood duck nesting box and more fifth grade activities.

Math:

Your student should be bringing home a Student Reference Book (SRB) and their math journal workbook every day. The reference book will give you examples to help your child finish their assignment. Every night the students will have math homework to complete. The best way to do well in math is to check over your child's homework. Congratulations to our Fast Math graduates for Multiplication 0-12: Diamond Jacobs, Anthony Brooks, Alena Murry, and Izabella Silva. Also our first Fast Math graduate for Division 0-12: Diamond Jacobs. If you have the internet at home during the cold months is a good time to tune up your student's math skills. Try this website: <http://www.nctm.org/resources/content.aspx?id=24049>

Science:

We just started our new science kit called Systems and Survival. Thank you to all the Blood Donors for participating in the blood drive.

Social Studies

We are beginning to study the Age of Exploration including Christopher Columbus and the Columbian Exchange. We will be beginning the Colonial Period before the end of the month.

Reading

Mrs. Kraut's room just finished reading The Best Christmas Pageant Ever and is starting The War with Grandpa. Mr. Kraut's room is working on The Sign of the Beaver. Mr. Hemingway's room is finishing the historical fiction book The Watson's Go To Birmingham 1963. Your son or daughter is being introduced this year to some wonderful literature.

Thanks—Mrs. Kraut, Mr. Kraut, Mr. Hemingway, and Ms. Bragiel

If you have any questions please email, send a note in your child's planner, or call.

A friendly reminder to check and sign your child's planner daily to see what is happening in Fifth Grade.



Please cut on the line and return the bottom portion to your child's teacher. Thank you!

I have read the January 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.