

5TH GRADE NEWSLETTER

November 2024

Note from teachers

Wow! We made it through the first quarter of the school year. Thank you for meeting with us during parent-teacher conferences. It was great to talk to you about your child's progress. In the first marking period, students successfully completed their first wave of the I-Ready testing and began Benchmark I tests. We are excited to turn a new leaf this marking period as students continue strengthening their math and literacy skills while learning about high-interest historical, scientific, and socially/culturally relevant learning content.

5th grade is a critical year. We are working to ensure that all students are prepared for middle school. Students must stay focused, ask questions, and always do their best. Continue talking with your child about what they are learning daily. Please don't hesitate to ask questions or express your concerns —communication is key!




5th Grade Team



Pablo	11/1
Dantez	11/12
Lucas	11/16
Oluwafayosola	11/27

Save the Date

- **11/4** Baltimore Aquarium Field Trip 
- **11/5** Election Day No School
- **11/18** 1st Quarter Report Cards Released Online
- **11/21** Literacy Family Night
- **11/27-29** Thanksgiving Break - Schools and Offices Closed



Helping Your Child Succeed

These are some things you can do to help your child succeed.

- * Help your child develop a homework schedule & routine.
- * Make sure that your child has all of the supplies that they needs to complete homework & projects.
- * Take time to read to and with your child every day, even in a different language. Provide a quiet space for your child to work & read.
- * Help make learning meaningful. Try to look for ways to apply skills your child is learning to your daily lives.
- * Turn off the television and tune into discussion.
- * Visit the library regularly.
- * Make sure that your child is not overbooked with extracurricular activities.

Your children need you to remain involved in their education from preschool to college. Therefore, make sure that you make time to work with your child at home each night.

A PEEK AT OUR MONTH

READING

This month:

Essential Question: What makes something mysterious, and what makes people want to solve mysteries?

Text: *Mr. Linden's Library*

Grammar: *Consistent Use of Perfect Verb Tenses*

Phonics: *Long Vowels*

Handwriting: *Downcurve Letters: a, d, g, o, c, q*

MATH

This month, our scholars will:

- Learn how to solve practical problems involving decimals.

Students will add and subtract decimals and fractions. They will then move on to multiplication and division of decimals.

Multiplication and division will be frustrating for students without that foundation. Please continue working at home on Dreambox and Boddle to help memorize math facts and keep the learning fresh.

Social Studies

This month we will answer the following questions:

- What is the Bill of Rights?
- What are the powers given by the Bill of Rights?

Students will examine the Bill of Rights and its power in American history.

SCIENCE

This month we are discovering that:

- Matter is composed of very small particles that behave differently in solid, liquid, or gas form.
- Plants use energy from the sun, air, and water to manufacture food for themselves.

Students will also finish with Unit 1, *What is Matter Made of*, and Move into Unit 2, *From Matter to Organisms*.

Health

This month we will learn about *making healthy food choices*, *the life cycle* and *nutritional needs at the different stages*.