



FIFTH GRADE WEEKLY PLANS

DEC. 12-16, 2016

TEACHER: DR. FREEBERG

Virtue: Generosity and Service

Epistle: I Corinthians 13:1-7, 13

Dear parents,

During this final week before the holiday break we will complete our reading of *Don Quixote*. We will continue a series of reading comprehension quizzes, so students should be sure to read carefully and should try to read each chapter twice. For the winter break I would like students to read a novel of their choice. After the break, students will write a three-paragraph reading response essay on the book. Students do not need to begin the response during the break, but they should finish reading by the end of the break so they will be ready to begin their essay when school resumes. In history students will take an assessment on the Age of Exploration and will continue to work on their "Explorer Book" project. I encourage students to complete these projects by Friday, but students who need or wish to take extra time can finish the work over the break. Students will begin to present their work to the class on Monday, January 2nd, and the deadline to complete the project is Wednesday, January 4th. After the break we will begin a short history unit on the Maya, Aztec, and Inca civilizations. During morning meetings this week I will read from a version of *A Christmas Carol* that Charles Dickens abridged for his public readings. For our short holiday party at the end of school on Friday, I will show scenes from a movie version of the film. I wish you all a restful and blessed holiday season.

Sincerely,

Bruce Freeberg

Dates to Remember:

Tuesday: Explorer Test

Wednesday Evening: Holiday Concert

Friday: Holiday Party

Wednesday, January 4th: Deadline for Explorer Project

Homework:

Monday: Read *Don Quixote*, ch. 16; Final review for Explorer Test

Tuesday: Read *Don Quixote*, ch. 17; Work on "Explorer Book" project

Wednesday: Read *Don Quixote*, ch. 18; Work on "Explorer Book" project

Thursday: Work on "Explorer Book" project

Friday: Read a Novel of Your Choice over Break; Read lesson 1 and 2 ("Maya: People of Mystery" and "Maya Science and Daily Life") in the history book and answer reading questions; Finish "Explorer Book" project if necessary

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