



FIFTH GRADE WEEKLY PLANS JAN. 23RD-27TH, 2017 TEACHER: DR. FREEBERG

Virtue: Courage

Psalm: 23

Dear Parents,

This week we will finish revising written speeches and shift our focus to oral delivery. Students may continue to make small revisions to their written speech during the week as they practice presenting their speeches in pairs and then in progressively larger groups. I will try to schedule the speech competition for the end of next week, depending on the readiness of the students and the availability of other teachers to serve as judges. In history this week we will continue our short unit on Feudal Japan and review for a test on Friday. There will also be a quiz on East Asian countries a week from Monday. We will continue to read Japanese folktales and complete a one-paragraph response to a story called, "The Honest Thief." This week we will also need to devote some time to preparation for Friday's coffee house. Finally, after our history test we will begin the historical mystery novel, *The Shakespeare Stealer*, by Gary Blackwood. This novel is set in London in the age of Shakespeare, and will help to "set the stage" for our study of "A Midsummer Night's Dream." The novel is compelling but easy to read, so we will move through it quickly. We will not have a new spelling lesson this week because of the history test and geography quiz. I hope to see you on Friday evening!

Sincerely,
Bruce Freeberg

Dates to Remember:

Tuesday: Typed Copy of Final Draft of Speech

Wednesday: Final Draft of One Paragraph Response to "The Honest Thief"

Friday: Unit Test on Feudal Japan; 5th Grade Coffee House

Monday, 1/30: Quiz on Countries of East Asia

Homework:

Monday

Read "Changes Come to Japan" and answer questions; Review for history test and geography quiz; Type revisions to speech and bring revised draft to school

Tuesday

Revise response to "The Honest Thief" if necessary; Review for history test and geography quiz

Wednesday

Review for history test and geography quiz

Thursday

Final review for history test; Read through chapter 9 of *The Shakespeare Stealer*

Friday

Read through chapter 12 of *The Shakespeare Stealer*; Final review for geography quiz

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