



FIFTH GRADE WEEKLY PLANS JAN 30-FEB 3RD, 2017 TEACHER: DR. FREEBERG

Virtue: Diligence and Perseverance

Psalm: 139:1-5, 24-25

Dear Parents,

This week students will begin to present their speeches in larger groups, and should also begin to practice their speech at home each night. It would be very helpful if you could use the grading rubric provided to offer feedback on verbal and nonverbal delivery. You might try to listen to the speech from some distance to encourage voice projection. I will hold the speech competition some day between this Friday and next, depending on the progress of the class and the availability of other teachers as judges. We got a start on Gary Blackwood's *Shakespeare Stealer* last week. Shakespeare's *Hamlet* figures centrally in the novel, and this week students will listen to a storybook version of *Hamlet* in class and try to capture the story line in comic strip form. We will also begin a reading of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. We will have a geography quiz on East Asian countries on Monday and a spelling quiz on the last words from our "Commonly Misspelled Words" list on Friday. We will not begin a new history unit this week to make extra time at school and home for practicing speeches. Finally, Friday is the 3-5 Performance Assembly. I hope to see you there!

Sincerely,
Bruce Freeberg

Dates to Remember:

Monday: Geography Quiz on Countries of East Asia

Friday: 3-5 Performance Assembly; Spelling Quiz

Homework:

Monday:

Read The Shakespeare Stealer, ch. 17-20; Deliver three-minute speech to an audience; Learn lines for Performance Assembly; Review for spelling quiz

Tuesday:

Read The Shakespeare Stealer, ch.21-24; Deliver three-minute speech to an audience; Practice for Performance Assembly; Review for spelling quiz

Wednesday

Read The Shakespeare Stealer, ch. 25-27; Deliver three-minute speech to an audience; Practice for Performance Assembly; Review for spelling quiz

Thursday:

Deliver three-minute speech to an audience; Practice for Performance Assembly; Final review for spelling quiz

Friday:

Read "Westward Expansion before the Civil War" lesson 1 and 2 and answer reading questions

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