



FIFTH GRADE WEEKLY PLANS FEB. 6-10, 2017 TEACHER: DR. FREEBERG

Virtue: Diligence and Perseverance

Psalm: 139:1-5, 24-25

Dear Parents,

Last week the fifth graders did their level best presenting their performance assembly skit with four students missing. Hopefully everyone is on the mend and we will have a full class for the speech competition, which we postponed until this Friday, availability of judges permitted. We won't be able to devote much additional class time to speech practice, so students should practice their speech at home each evening. It would be great if you could continue to offer feedback! Last week we read and discussed the historical mystery *Shakespeare Stealer* in order to better appreciate how Shakespeare's plays functioned in their historical context. To continue preparation for the writing prompt essay, students will complete a well-developed paragraph that follows the format required by the writing prompt. This week I will introduce acting exercises in class and we will complete a read-through of our script from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. I will hold tryouts next week and will cast the play at the end of the week. Students are not required to memorize any lines for the tryout, but they are certainly welcome to try on a variety of roles at home over the coming days. In history we have begun a new unit on America's Westward Expansion. In connection with this unit, students will be reading *The Ballad of Lucy Whipple*, a historical novel about a spirited girl who lived through the California Gold Rush. Students will be discussing this novel in literature circles, and they will be assigned a different role for each group meeting. Finally, this week we will continue our musical preparations for Family Arts Night. I hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Bruce Freeberg

Dates to Remember:

Wednesday: Final Draft of Paragraph on *The Shakespeare Stealer*

Friday: Speech Competition?; Family Arts Night

Tuesday, Feb. 14th: Literature Circle Meeting on *A Ballad of Lucy Whipple*, chs. 1-5

Homework:

Monday:

Write first draft of paragraph on *The Shakespeare Stealer*; Review MSND script; Share speech

Tuesday:

Write final draft of paragraph on *The Shakespeare Stealer*; Review MSND script; Share speech

Wednesday:

Read lesson 3 in Westward Expansion chapter and answer questions; Review MSND script; Share speech

Thursday:

Read lesson 4 in Westward Expansion chapter and answer questions; Final preparation for speech competition!

Friday:

Read chapters 1-5 in *The Ballad of Lucy Whipple* and prepare assigned role for literature circle.

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