



FIFTH GRADE WEEKLY PLANS

MARCH 13-17, 2017

TEACHER: DR. FREEBERG

Virtue Honesty

Psalm: 15

Dear Parents,

Between the writing prompt essay and the long-answer portion of the history test, the fifth grade did a lot of writing last week! I won't get to the history tests until the dust clears from report writing, but I read and was pleased with the results of our first writing prompt essay. This week we will continue with the theme of Westward Expansion and begin to look at major developments that happened after the Civil War. We will move quickly through these lessons while we are between novels. Along with our study of Westward Expansion, students have been reading a collection of American tall tales. This week, students will continue honing their oral storytelling skills as they retell these stories to their classmates. They will work in groups to prepare and present skits on tall-tale heroes. They will write an expository paragraph identifying common features in two tall tales. Finally, students will create their own tall-tale hero and write a tale that is original but faithful to the genre. There will be a geography quiz on Monday on the location and capitals of states west of the Mississippi. There will also be a spelling quiz on Friday. Finally, this week we will begin to spend more time on our play. I've asked students to be off-book by our primary practice time this week. The sooner our actors know all their lines, the sooner we can begin to focus wholeheartedly on acting, the better our production will be, and the more fun everyone will have. I would greatly appreciate your help from home in achieving this goal!

Sincerely,

Bruce Freeberg

Monday:

Read "Westward Expansion After the Civil War," lesson 3 and complete reading questions;
Review for spelling quiz.

Tuesday:

Read "Westward Expansion Before the Civil War," lesson 4 and complete reading questions;
Review for spelling quiz.

Wednesday:

Read "Westward Expansion Before the Civil War," lesson 5 and complete reading questions;
Review for spelling quiz.

Thursday:

Read "Westward Expansion Before the Civil War," lesson 6 and complete reading questions;
Final review for spelling quiz

Friday:

Read "Westward Expansion Before the Civil War," lesson 7 and complete reading questions

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