



FIFTH GRADE WEEKLY PLANS October 29, 2018

Hope is finding the light in the darkness and trusting in right endings. **Joy** is the fullness of spirit that blooms from the loving heart. **Wonder** is the first step on the path to knowledge.

Dear Parents,

This week we will continue our unit on short stories by reading, discussing, and writing about several more stories.. The students will also be revising and polishing the literary analysis paragraphs that they began last week, in which they needed to craft a claim (thesis) about what one of the characters *really* wants, and then use textual evidence to support their ideas. Our minilessons in composition this week will focus on how to construct analytical statements and how to use mentor texts to inform our writing. An extra credit reading assignment has also been made available to students who wish to earn bonus points towards their quarter grade.

In math, the students are continuing to practice multiplying fractions in preparation for learning how to divide them towards the end of the week. Five to ten minutes of math facts practice every night remains crucial to promoting success in the classroom, as I have noticed that many of the fifth graders are encountering difficulty reducing fractions because they have not yet mastered their facts. The website <u>webmathminute.com</u> is an excellent resource for creating practice sheets.

Finally, be sure to think about donating extra candy to Operation Gratitude -- see the weekly newsletter for more information. The fifth graders will be working with the first graders this Thursday to make and decorate signs and drop off bins for candy donations, which will then be sorted and shipped off to active duty soldiers as part of our community service outreach. Have a great week!

Sincerely, Ryan Chappuis

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, October 31: Reading celebration/Halloween party *Friday, November 2:* Vocab List #1 Quiz; end of first grading quarter

Homework

<u>Monday</u>

- Grammar: Complete Voyages in English p. 321 exercises 2-4 on lined paper
- Math: Finish multiplying fractions packet
- Vocab: Study for quiz

<u>Tuesday</u>

- Reading: Read 20-30 minutes in "just right book"
- Math: Workbook pages 147-148
- Vocab: Study for quiz

Wednesday

No homework

Thursday

- Reading: Read 20-30 minutes in "just right book"
- Math: Workbook pages 149-150 and reteach worksheet

• Vocab: Study for quiz

<u>Friday</u>

• No weekend homework!

Library books are always due on Wednesday.

For all specials classes, please see the landing page of the respective teachers for assignments.