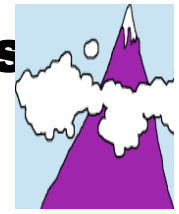


The Fifth Peak – Dolph’s Class



NEWS UPDATE

August 25th, 2009

Important Dates

- **August 26th**
Back-to-School Night
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- **August 31st**
Ed Team Meeting 3:15 p.m.
- **September 4th**
Instrumental Music Fair at Southern Hills
4:00 – 6:30 pm
- **September 7th**
Labor Day
No School
- **September 8th**
Field Trip to Cal-Wood Education Center
9:15 am – 2:15 pm
- **September 9th**
Instrumental Music Fair at Centennial MS
4:00 – 6:30 pm
- September 18th**
- No School
Professional Development

Greetings Families:

We’re off to a great start, and I’m enjoying this class of students very much. I am so fortunate to be in my eleventh year here at High Peaks and our newly remodeled fifth grade classroom just adds to the pleasure. Soon the kids will have a new gym, music room, library, computer lab, and art room, too! Thank you for your patience during this construction project.

Social Studies: We have begun our study of Mesoamerica and the civilizations of the Inca, Maya, and Aztec peoples. Students will be reading out of the fifth grade History & Geography series at the fifth grade level. Writing and map skills will also be a large part of this unit.

Science: Chemistry will be our first science unit in the fifth grade Core Knowledge sequence. We will begin next week using the Science Explorer series, Chemical Building Blocks, from Prentice Hall. Students will be responsible for the identification of key elements, molecules, and basic atomic structure. Experimentation and discussion will be a big component of this unit, as well.

Everyday Mathematics

All families will receive a yearly packet containing the Family Letter for each math unit along with suggestions for support, games, and Study Link answer keys. Be sure to place this packet in a safe and assessable place for the school year.

IN FIFTH GRADE THROUGHOUT BOULDER VALLEY, STUDENTS ARE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART IN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC INSTRUCTION. TOMORROW AND NEXT WEEK, STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO TRY OUT A VARIETY OF BRASS, WOODWIND, AND STRING INSTRUMENTS HERE AT THE SCHOOL. THE FIRST FORMAL DAY OF INSTRUMENTAL INSTRUCTION IS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH. AT THAT POINT, STUDENTS SHOULD HAVE THE INSTRUMENTS AND MATERIALS THEY NEED. FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME OR MRS. PISANO IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL SUPPORT IN FINDING AN INSTRUMENT FOR YOUR CHILD.

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