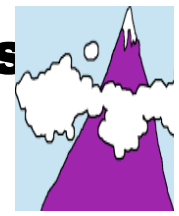


The Fifth Peak – Dolph’s Class



NEWS UPDATE

October 9th, 2009

Important Dates

October 12th

-Fall High Peaks Community Meeting
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

October

19th – 22nd

-Fall Conferences, evenings, all week

October 29th

- Field Trip
Fairview H.S. Marching Band performance
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

October 30th --

- All-School Assembly - 1:30 in the gymnasium
- Halloween Parade and Party to follow in the classrooms



Greetings Families: Fall is in the air, and Fall Conferences are just around the corner. If you didn't receive a conference slip today, contact me as I still have some slots open on Thursday, October 22nd.

Science Fair: Science Fair is fast approaching, and the students have been turning in some great proposals. November 6th is Science Fair, but fifth grade students need to bring in their projects for class presentations starting Monday, November 2nd. Each student will have the opportunity to present his/her project to the class. There will be a science, writing, and oral language grade earned by the kids regarding this assignment.

Social Studies: Presently, we're halfway through the *Age of Exploration*. Magellan, Balboa, Vespucci, and De Soto are a few of the European explorers students have been learning about. Look below for our *Big Ideas* and *Guiding Questions*.

Writing: Student Mesoamerican reports are currently posted in the hall on our class bulletin board. For the next writing/research topic, students will choose a European explorer on which to create a mobile. Daily writing in their writer's notebooks, along with their word study and grammar, continue.

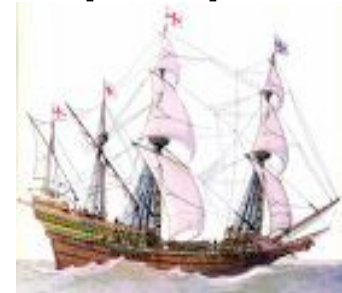
Mathematics: To build computation and probability skills, students practiced playing *Yahtzee* today. The kids were given a couple of extra sheets on which to score the game at home.

- Unit 2 math tests are scored and in your child's Friday Folder. Unit 3 in Everyday Math has students working on geometric concepts and skills. The test date for Unit 3 has been set for Tuesday, October

Chemistry: Matter & Change

- Everything around you is matter.
- All matter is made up of elements, the smallest unit of which is the atom.
- An element is described by its properties and

European Exploration



- ✚ From 1400 – 1600, European explorers ventured out to explore what was then the "unknown world".
- ✚ Why did the Europeans choose to explore?

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