



Ms. Miller's FIFTH GRADE CLASSROOM



October 12, 2009

Curriculum studies

Math: The students took their assessments in Unit Two last week, and the tests went home on Friday. We are underway in Unit Three which dives into Geometry. The students continue to work on algorithms for multiplication and long division.

Social Studies: The fifth grade has been reading and learning about the Mesoamerican Civilizations of the Maya, Inca and Aztec. They had an assessment on the countries and capitals of Central America and will begin one on South America this week. The students are also beginning a Mesoamerican Research project that is due on Friday, October 23rd.

Science: The Chemistry assessment on Friday. We will now be studying the Scientific Method and Variables in preparation for the Science Fair on 11-06. Fifth grade projects are due on 11-02.

Writing: We have been writing everyday and the students are now expected to plan all of their writing before writing their draft. The students are improving their editing and revising skills, and are working on ways to research papers, and turn research into an essay. They have also learned strategies to writing a concise summary.

Reading: We are finishing up the book "Hoot" by Carl Hiaasen. The students will also be finishing up their literature circles this week. We will begin "The Secret of the Andes" next week.

Yellow slips

A new classroom policy is in effect! If students come to school without any part of their homework completed, they must fill out a yellow slip to be signed by a guardian, due the following day. All fifth grade students who get their homework in throughout the week will participate in "Choice Time" on Fridays from 1:30 – 1:45. Thank you for supporting your child in making homework a priority! ☺

Conferences

Conferences are coming up! October 19th – 22nd. Your confirmed conference time was sent home in last Friday's folder. Please let me know if you need to change the time. I look forward to meeting with you!

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Important Dates

October 12th

- High Peaks

Community

Meeting

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

October 13th: Class

Celebration for filling our marble jar!!! **Wear your pajamas to school!** We will also play Mayan games in the afternoon so please wear tennis shoes!

October 19th – 22nd

Parent / Teacher

Conferences (Evenings)

October 29th

- Field Trip

Fairview High school

Marching Band

Performance

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Students bring a Sack Lunch!

October 30th

All-School Assembly (1:30) and 5th Grade Halloween Party (2:00)!

The fifth grades will have the party together. Please have your child bring their costume for the parade! Let me know if you would like to help out!