Dear Parents,

Today is the first run of the 5th Grade News email list. Thank you for signing up! If you have questions for specific teachers I have linked their email addresses to their names in the signature included below. If you for some reason change email addresses, or have another address you prefer please let me know.

At times in the past there have been difficulties with email servers holding or bouncing back emails. If you ever feel like an email should have come to you but did not you can also see the information here: [https://www.cpsk12.org/Page/14357](https://www.cpsk12.org/Page/14357) I will generally post whatever is sent out here by the end of that day.

We have had great start to a new school year. Things seem to be going really well with the class rotation. We are already off to a good start with the agendas. Thank you so much for signing those. The homework folder and agenda should be coming home every night and need to be signed every night in order to help your child be successful and responsible with homework assignments. Homework is usually given every night except for Fridays.

Please join us for Back to School Night on Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30 pm. There will be a brief PTA meeting in the gym and grade level sessions for each grade. 5th Grade will be meeting in Mrs. Wilcoxson’s room, # 122.

**Reading:**
In reading we have been working on reading routines, making good book choices, and working to get to know everyone as readers. We will take the Aims Web reading test on the Ipads when we get them. Students should be reading 20 minutes a night for reading homework.

**Social Studies: Mrs. Wilcoxson**
Students have been busy learning about their Social Studies textbook and all of the helpful parts of it. We are reviewing states, capitals, continents, and oceans. We have also been reviewing landforms and reading maps. This will continue next week along with going outside and mapping our place. Please make sure your child is ready to go outside next week.

**Science: Mr. Earls**
We have been doing observations of the Moon and introduced the vocabulary for the moon phase naming rules waxing, waning, gibbous, crescent, quarter, new and full. We are also observing tropical systems and starting some weather observations. These will be a part of the Water Planet unit that we will cover later in the year. More information about what we will be doing this year in science can be found here: [https://www.cpsk12.org/Page/3839](https://www.cpsk12.org/Page/3839)

We are starting the year with the Matter and Energy in Ecosystems unit. The Nature Unleashed unit from the Missouri Department of conservation goes along with this well. Our first focus in this unit is observations of all of the things that are matter around our place and classifying things as living or non-living.  We will be
covered the first topic in the Nature Unleashed book which looks at distinguishing between the terms organism, population, community, and ecosystem next week. They have the book online if you would like to see any of the information: http://nature.mdc.mo.gov/sites/default/files/downloads/Nature_Unleashed_student.pdf

Math: Mrs. Everett
Math Unit 1 is Area and Volume. We have been working on writing math expressions, using grouping symbols, reviewing area and finding area of rectangles with fractional side lengths. On Wed. 8/21, I sent home, with the students, a family letter about Unit 1 activities and vocabulary. The last page is an answer key for the homework from Unit 1, which is mostly from a book called Homelink, which the students have at school, and tear out the pages to bring home. Students can also bring home the whole book if they prefer, if they bring it back each day. The answer key is so you, or your child can check their answers when finished with the homework. We will often go over one or two problems in class the next day. Fifth graders will usually have Math homework Mon. - Thurs. If it is taking more than 30 minutes for your child to do the Math homework, just do the evens or odds. I look forward to working with your student this year! I am enjoying getting to know the students and learning where they are with their Math skills!

Writing: Ms. Holman
We have started our year brainstorming for “BURNING QUESTIONS” regarding our 5th grade writing class. You will find these questions scattered around our hallway! As we continue to go through these several first days of school, we will answer these highly anticipated questions and answers! If we do not know the answers, we will seek to find them!

Establishing our classroom routines and expectations has engaged us in some thoughtful and sincere conversations! It seems as though we are going to have many, many positive, open-minded and enthusiastic writers walking into our Writing Zone!

An initial baseline for writing a paragraph has been given. This writing piece will give me a starting point from which your student is independently writing when given a prompt. This will help establish a foundation upon which to begin our building upon the writing process!

Finally, we have introduced the idea of having a “WRITER’S NOTEBOOK” in class with us each and every day. This literary tool will serve your student’s writing development in various ways! We are just getting started with these notebooks, so we have a great amount of fun and “emojination” to look forward to in the coming weeks!

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

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