Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who made it to back to school night last week. Hopefully information packets made it home last week in Friday folders for those who were unable to attend. Please continue to look for and sign agendas nightly so we can help everyone be successful. Also, please look for Friday Folders to come home each week and sign and return them on Monday.

There is no school Monday, September 30 for teacher collaboration.

Please send any donations for the 5th Grade Game Night Basket for the Fever Festival by Friday, September 27. Thanks to those who have already sent items in!

Fairview Fever Festival is Friday, October 4 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Please plan to join us if you can!

Volunteers are still needed for the Fairview Fever Festival. Click here to sign up to volunteer: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSckW40_D_akhMzfitldgGOdL0dt2_YIOxG18Uhjvnan4F6RA/viewform

Science: Mr. Earls
We will be continuing to work our way through the Nature Unleashed/ecosystems objectives. We temporarily skipped chapter 2 due to the heat we have been having and have been working on food/energy chains. This looks at producers, consumers and decomposers. We will also be covering herbivores, omnivores, and carnivores. The information we are covering and terminology is covered in chapters 4 and 5 of the nature unleashed book.
We will soon be looking at the similarities and differences in the pond, forest and prairie ecosystems we have around school.
Things we should know:
Organism, population, community, ecosystem (Chapter 1)
Producer, Consumer, Scavenger, Decomposer (Chapter 4-5)

Social Studies: Mrs. Wilcoxson
The kids are working hard on creating a map for our Fairview woods. They are labeling our trails and landmarks within our boundaries. Our goal is to come up with one map for the trail, and we will continue work on this for the next few weeks.
We have also finished reading Chapter 1 in the textbook focusing on land, regions, climate, and resources. Our next unit will be state research which we began this week. The kids are taking notes on a state of their choice and answering some questions in a packet. They will be completing all of the work in class. They will present their information to the class when they finish. We will continue to work on this all of next week. Please ask them what kind of information they are “Packing in their Bag”. I look forward to seeing their creativity on this project!
Math: Mrs. Everett
We have been working on:
Reviewing listening skills
Converting between units of area, such as square inches to square feet
Converting between units of volume, such as cubic inches to cubic feet, cubic feet to cubic yards
Using formulas to find volume
Finding volume of figures made of rectangular prisms

We will have the test over Unit 1 Area and Volume on Monday 9/23. I sent a practice test via the last electronic fifth grade newsletter, and it is posted on Mr. Earls website. We will be starting a new unit on whole number place value and operations.

Upcoming math goals:
Reading numbers through the hundred millions,
Identifying values of digits in a multidigit number
Writing numbers in expanded form
Representing powers of 10 in exponential notation
Explaining patterns when multiplying by a power of 10
Multi-digit multiplication

Writing: Ms. Holman
Students were given their first list of spelling words for the year at the beginning of this school week. This first list of words consists of fifteen science words that were chosen from their Nature Unleashed science book. These are words the students have seen and used in science class, but we are integrating them into our Word Work during our writing time. You can find this list of words written on page 23 of your child’s agenda. For optimal performance with these words, work on spelling these words at home for extra practice!

In addition to spelling and Word Work, our new Writer’s Notebooks have come out this week as we have continued our journey finding our voice within our words. The students have really taken the lead in what they have specifically chosen to write this week while following particular writing assignments. As they complete their writing assignments, they are asked to go back and not only look, reread and edit their work, but to also add things to make their pages better. This is often where more magic begins! Opportunities have been given to students to share their pages with others which have sparked new ideas within their text. Our writers have not only impressed me but have impressed themselves with their creativity and imagination!

Sincerely,

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