



Fifth Grade



October Newsletter

October, 2011



Outdoor School: October 17th-20th

The time is here!!
We will depart for Fairview Outdoor School on Monday, October 17th at 8:30 am and return on Thursday, October 20th at 1:30 pm.

DROP OFF: Students will need a ride to school—they will be carrying many items and it's difficult to walk or ride the bus with these items. They need to be at school 8:30 **SHARP**.

PICK-UP: Please arrange to pick up your child on Thursday, Oct. 20th at 1:30 pm.

~A packing list will be sent home with your child during the first week of October.

~All medications need to go through the health office. (even over-the-counter medicines)

~No electronics are allowed at Outdoor School



*Let the
**OUTDOOR
MEMORIES and
FUN
BEGIN!!!***



Special points of interest:

- Early dismissal on Friday, Oct. 7th and Friday, the 28th. Students are dismissed at 12:55.
- No School on Friday, October 21st

Attendance is **IMPORTANT** BE HERE ON **TIME,** EVERYDAY!

Fun and Interactive websites that reinforce math concepts learned at school:



<http://www.sheppardsoftw.com/math.htm>

<http://calculationnation.net.org/Games/>

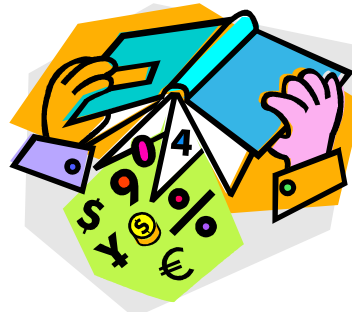
Math Focus: Fractions and Decimals

This month, our students will be working with:

REPRESENTING FRACTIONS AND DECIMALS ON A NUMBER LINE

ADDING AND SUBTRACTING FRACTIONS

PROBABILITY



MULTIPLYING DECIMALS

COMPARING & ORDERING FRACTIONS

GCF (greatest common factor)

LCM (least common multiple)

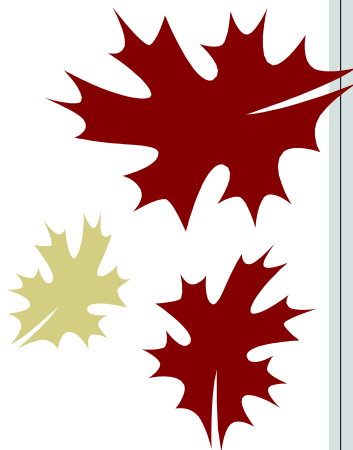
MULTIPLICATION

5th Graders are LEADERS

SCIENCE BIG IDEAS

Matter and Energy

- ~The sun is the source of the Earth's energy
- ~Sources of Stored energy include batteries, fuel, and food
- ~Energy can convert into different forms, like electricity, motion, light, and heat
- ~An object can be seen only when light from the object enters the eye
- ~An object can absorb or reflect light that strikes it
- ~Matter is made of particles and is the "stuff" that EVERYTHING is made of
- ~Matter consists of solids, liquids, and gases

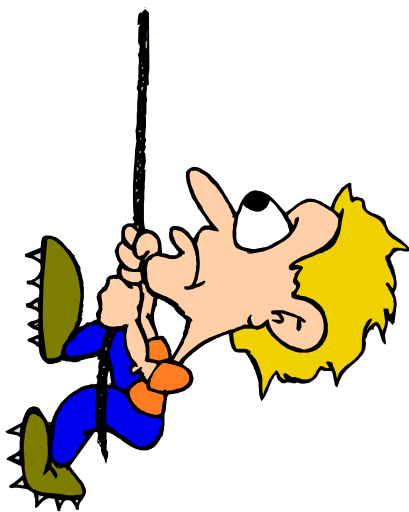


"You never fail until you stop trying."

~Florence Griffith Joyner

"You miss 100% of the shots you don't take."

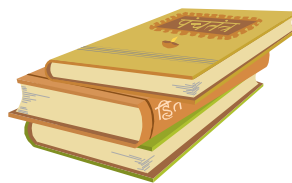
~Wayne Gretzky



READING AND LANGUAGE ARTS

~We are beginning Theme 2 which is entitled: *Give It All You Got*. We will be focusing on Biographies and Stories of individuals who show great determination and risk to achieve their dreams.

~Some **Key Vocabulary** for the theme: **amateur, pressure, compete, elite, pantomime, maneuvered, and revolutions**



Make learning a HABIT at HOME:

Spelling, Reading, and Math Homework is assigned Monday thru Thursday. Students should be bringing home a Blue Non-Fiction Passage book, a Yellow Math Work Book, and their Spelling Notebook with lists.

READ DAILY AND PRACTICE MATH FACTS

(Flashcards are available for your child to take and keep at home if needed.)



Fifth Grade Team: Mrs. Hess, Mrs. Giancola, Mrs. Buhrman