## 5th Grade News December 14th, 2023



We will be having our class Holiday Party the Friday before winter break, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is a half day of school, so we will be having a breakfast party. **We are asking all students to donate \$3 toward the cost of the party**. This will be used to buy food and supplies. Please send donations in as soon as possible, and no later than Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. After our breakfast party (no parents because students will be finishing and wrapping gifts), there will be a school wide celebration where students will participate in a variety of holiday stations and activities. Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you for helping to make this a fun day for our students!



## Math:

In math we have begun a unit on multiplication and division of fractions. The unit started with using line plots and understanding how to make fractions with given data. For the next couple of weeks, students will begin multiplying fractions using canceling or simplifying skills to come to the correct answer.



## Language Arts:

Students have been reading a novel, <u>City of Ember</u>, by Jeanne DuPrau. The story is about Lina and Doon who follow clues left behind by the original builders to try to save the city. Please ask your child for a summary of the story so far!

**Spelling:** Spelling has been coming home on Monday. We have been reviewing some of our high frequency vocabulary words as spelling words while we study our novel unit.

**AR Reading Goals:** New AR goals are set. These goals are based on reading for 30 minutes each night at your child's reading level.



**Science:** We have been in the Watery Planet unit in Science. Students played a game in which they must obtain and combine information about groundwater in

order to select the best site to build a town. They evaluated the features of the landscape, plants in the area, and clues from the soil and then decided where to dig a well.



## History:

In history we will be reviewing for a test. The test will be on colonial life in the 13 colonies. We then will begin a study on events that will lead to the American Revolution.



Dates to Remember:

- Dec. 22: Half day of School 11:30 release time
- Dec. 25-Jan.5: No School
- Jan. 8: School Resumes
- May 24: Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum trip



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