

Update for Week Ending 9/22/17

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Dear 5th Grade Families :)

It's hard to believe we have completed our first month (4 weeks) of school. Our playground is complete and we've settled into our daily routines and schedules. Lockers are going very well and new friendships are being made. Dr. Mattingly gave a lesson in our pod on Thursday revisiting helpful and hurtful behavior just as a reminder for consistent procedures in our new building. We continually make adjustments to have their 5th grade year be the BEST year of school so far! :) !

Please remind your child that for them to have their BEST year yet, they need to do their part to follow the school guidelines. Our job, as teachers, is to keep all students safe and their job, as a student, is to be safe and respectful. We have had a few instances of cell phones out at inappropriate times and students emailing each other during class time. When we wrote our class constitution, they chose to include, "We will only be on appropriate websites assigned by the teacher." The Acceptable Use Policy that the students signed, includes the guideline of only being on the "assigned" website.

After discussing this technology concern with Dr. Mattingly, for the first redirection, students emailing in class will lose their computer privileges for a week and alternative assignments will be given so their grade is not affected in anyway. Hopefully, this will stress the importance of complying with the Acceptable Use Policy agreement. You will be notified if this includes your child.

Our month's activities include:

Writing - We are working on our first narrative writing. The two topics have been "An Unforgettable Event" and "A Time When I Needed Help." Our writing will include conjunctions, interjections, prepositions, transition words, sensory details, character descriptions, and five paragraphs.

Social Studies - We have discussed a timeline of the Declaration of Independence and Constitution. We looked carefully at the meaning of the words in the Preamble and learned actions to help us remember the Preamble (see the video on our website.) We are now working our way through the Intolerable Acts and their significance to our freedom.

Reading - We have diligently been working on inferencing and drawing conclusions through several enjoyable picture books such as Picture Day Perfection, The Invisible Boy, and Tight Times. Over the next few weeks, we will be working on text-to-self, text-to-text and text-to-world connections.

Please check out our 5th grade team website to see the new additions we've made at fifthgradeteamkps.weebly.com. We have also added the PowerPoint presentation that was given at Parent Information Night on September 7 for additional helpful information. If there is specific information that you would like to see on our website that you would find helpful, please let us know.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me at anytime.

Have a GREAT weekend!
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