

Weekly Progress Report for Week Ending 9/1/17

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Dear 5th Grade Families :)

It has been a very busy 8 days but what a joy it has been getting to know your children! 5th Graders are so full of life and are like sponges ready to absorb any information we give them. It has been so fun watching them get settled back into the new school year and making new friends with students from other elementary buildings in the Ray-Pec District or new to the district entirely. We have had to be flexible as we've adjusted to lockers with lock combinations, an unfinished playground that is coming along nicely and rotating classes with transition times. I am a firm believer of the quote, "Blessed are the flexible for they shall never be bent out of shape!" They have been extremely flexible and adjusted very well as we continue along this new journey together working out new kinks each day!

I want to also say a huge THANK YOU for taking the time to complete the "Tell Me About Your Child" form and helping me get to know them better each day.

Our first Social Studies unit is about the U.S. Constitution, Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation and Preamble. Our first Writing unit is forming ideas for a Narrative Writing. We gave the students a picture prompt of the 39 men signing the Constitution and they wrote about what they might have seen, heard, touched, tasted and smelled if they had been there including transition words, dialogue and figures of speech. They were very curious and some had very good questions about the picture to include in their writing.

In Reading, we started a Reading Response Log using Coding the Text Strategies (there is a copy in their binder). Today they went to the Library for the first time and were able to check out two books (one fiction and one nonfiction). Some also checked out books from my classroom library that they may have taken home to read :)

I will be calling in the book order tomorrow afternoon so if your child forgot to send their money to school today, please feel free to go ahead and order online or email me with their book choices. My online code is NWYMQ.

Please also note our 5th grade team's website under my signature line at the bottom of the email at <http://fifthgradeteamkps.weebly.com/> - this is a new website for all three of us and we will be adding various information periodically so please check back often :)

And last, if you ever have any questions or concerns, please email me at paula.shafer@raypec.org anytime and I will email you back as soon as possible. I am also more than happy to visit with you by phone or in person if needed.

Have a safe and fun-filled three-day holiday weekend and I look forward to seeing their smiling faces on Tuesday, September 5.

Sincerely,

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