

5A News

September Theme: **CARING**

September 17, 2018

Dear 5A Families,

Important Announcements:

MAP Testing this week for **5th grade – Monday, Wednesday mornings**

Please be sure your child gets a good night's sleep, has a healthy breakfast, and comes to school with a snack! Thank you.

Camp Seymour Information Night – Wednesday, 5:30 pm in the 5A Classroom

The presentation will be 20 – 30 minutes, followed by Q & A. We aim to wrap up by 6:15 pm, so that everyone can transition to the auditorium.

Back to School Curriculum Night – Wednesday, 6:30 pm in the School Auditorium, followed by a presentation in the classroom.

* Please bring a comfort letter in an envelope with your child's name, if you haven't already sent one in this year. It doesn't need to be long, but think about the message you would want to give to your child in the event of an earthquake, extended lockdown, fire, or other event that could be scary for your child and might keep you from getting to school right away. We will keep these in our emergency backpack and are hoping that we're prepared for an event that never occurs! We want to have a letter for every child by Wednesday evening. Thank you!

Curriculum News:

Math – As we continue with our Place Value unit, we'll be conducting a short, formative assessment, to give us a sense of where the students are in their understanding and application of the place value concepts, and to inform our planning for the remainder of the unit. This week, we will move into place value through the thousandths, comparing decimals, ordering whole numbers and decimals, and then we'll be applying the skills we have acquired to problem solving situations. We'll be wrapping up this unit and having a math test during the week of September 24th. A study guide and the exact test date will be sent home later this week.

ELA – Students are busy writing paragraphs and learning to format a friendly letter. We will be applying our writing skills to reflect and journal in a variety of curriculum areas over the course of the year. This week, we'll be reading several news articles related to our Web of Life unit.

Religion – 5A students buddied up with the first graders for our first school Mass. We were impressed with their leadership, modeling, and kindness with the younger students. We'll be talking about how we can be stewards of God's creation this week.

IB "Web of Life" Unit – We'll be learning about decomposition through a "Mold Terrarium" project this week, followed by some worm composting next week. We'll also be engaging in an activity with 5B to explore the big questions that guide this unit.

Specialists – Fifth graders had their first Robotics class on Friday. Ask your child what he/she learned, what the meaning or purpose of that information is, and how we might apply it in upcoming classes.

Learning Garden – Last week in the garden, students observed changes in the garden and looked for relationships between the plants and other life forms. Then we harvested kale and potatoes to be used in the lunch program!

Second Step – On Tuesday, we will have our second Second Step lesson, focusing on “Listening with Attention.” The Home Link will come home for homework and be due on Friday.

Library – Fifth grade has a second library time in our schedule this year, which will be focused on supporting our IB unit research. This time is scheduled on Wednesday afternoons, during our IB time.

Other News:

Student Presentations

Thanks to the following students for their presentations, based on Mrs. Sheehan’s end-of-fourth-grade assignment. It has been a great way for us to learn more about our students’ research and presentation skills, as well as gain insights into their particular interests!

Allie (special places to visit)

Jack (National Parks in WA)

Zachary (his family’s ancestry, based on DNA testing)

Nathaniel (electricity)

Chase (modern architecture)

Ezra (football at Seattle Prep)

St. Luke-a-thon Letter Writing

Our letters will be mailed this week. Please send any additional addresses in on Monday or Tuesday. Thank you for your support!

Upcoming Events:

September 17th - October 11th - **MAP Testing**

Wednesday, September 19th - **Camp Seymour Information Meeting 5:30 pm, Curriculum Night 6:30 pm**

September 23rd (Sunday) – **VIRTUS Safe Environment Training** for new volunteers 2:00 – 5:00 pm (This training is required for new volunteers.)

September 26th (Wednesday) - **St. Luke-a-thon**

September 28th (Friday) - **Free Dress Friday**

Have a great week!

Donna