Fifth Grade Weekly Newsletter

February 28, 2020

Our Week of Learning

Poetry: Our new poem, "Oh Captain! My Captain!" is a beautiful ode to Abraham Lincoln that goes along with our *Civil War* unit in history. Be sure to have your child practice the poem with you so that you can hear the excellent words of Walt Whitman!

History: We have started our *Civil War* unit in history. This is our longest (and most exciting) unit! Due to it being so long, we will have a quiz halfway through. The final test will be on the information of all twenty-four chapters, so be sure to study nightly with your child.

Science: Your botanist learned about vascular tissue this week and how it supplies food, water, and nutrients to every part of a plant. Next week, we will delve into photosynthesis. Ask your student to tell you the chemical equation and why plants do this process.

Dates to Remember

March 11: Class Pictures K - 12 March 13: End of Third Quarter March 23 - 27: Spring Break March 31: Students Return April 24: PTO Daughter Dance April 25: PTO Son Dance



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Reminders

We are only two weeks away from the end of the third quarter! Be sure to check Infinite Campus regularly to ensure that you are up to date on your student's grades.

Parents, we have had some very cold weather and fifth grade has several outdoor transitions; we also go outside for recesses unless it is below 20 degrees. Please ensure children are dressed appropriately on cold days with warm jackets and long pants or tights.

Snow Day Makeup Plan:

We will make up the time missed by changing the hours of Friday school days to match those of Monday through Thursday. The adjusted Friday schedule begins Friday, February 28, and will continue through at least the end of April. If we have another snow day by early April, we will continue full-length Fridays through May. If we have two or more snow days by early April, we will consider having school on April 16 and perhaps April 17, as necessary.

