

# News from Room 406

October 13, 2017 edition

5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Mrs. Rabb



## Inside the Classroom

- **Math**—The multiplication and division test will be in today's Friday Folder. Please be on the lookout for it. We reviewed the test, and the kids have had an opportunity to see where they had some errors. We are working on the decimal playlist now!
- **Science**—The ecosystem quiz will be in today's Friday Folder. **After talking with the other 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers, we want you to know that science tests are very challenging for 5<sup>th</sup> graders in general. Kids have not ever had science tests (I asked them today!)...so they are learning how to take notes, study notes, and take these types of tests in addition to learning a whole science curriculum.** You may see some 2s on report cards in a few weeks. Rest assured, everyone is doing better at explaining their science thinking and their hard work will pay off soon!
- **Reading**—The mid-quarter reading assessment is in the Friday Folder. We have reviewed the test, and I re-taught the strategies and lessons that caused my sweet students the most trouble. They were given a chance to up their grade by re-taking the largest section of the test. Also, we are combining part of our economics unit (social studies) with our analysis of characters in narrative/fiction books. We are also comparing and contrasting story elements between these texts.
- **Writing**—We are beginning our drafts for personal narratives. The kids have worked hard to generate ideas for their stories. The plan is to confer with each student as they write!

## Notes from Mrs. Rabb:

I am just having a blast with your kiddos! Please know that they are generally working hard, but, more importantly, they are working to improve and have embraced Growth Mindset thinking by trying to learn from their mistakes. They have certainly taught me a lot!

A Fall Conference Sign-Up Genius has been sent through email earlier this week. Please let me know if you did not receive that email.

POSSIBLE CHANGE for Human Growth and Development (HGD) parent meeting: **We are DEFINITELY** having the field trip parent meeting and are still planning to have the HGD part of the meeting. At this time, however, 3 of us need the HGD training before we can teach it—and that training is currently unavailable. Hmm...a conundrum for sure! So—keep November 6<sup>th</sup> blocked off and we will keep you posted. Thanks for understanding!

## Dates to Remember:

Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>—Early Release  
Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>—End of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter  
Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>—Teacher Workday  
Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>—Report Cards go home  
Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 to 6:45pm—**Parent Information Meeting for Williamsburg field trip and Human Growth and Development science unit (see previous note)**  
Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>—No School--Holiday

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