

News from Room 406

February 9th edition

5th Grade

Mrs. Rabb



Box Tops Class Contest

- ** February 19-23
- ** Make sure the box tops are not expired
- ** Place them in a Ziploc bag with "Rabb—5th" written on the bag.

Cold and Flu Season

If your student has a fever, please remember they must be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school. We are doing our best to stay healthy in Room 406...I'm spraying down things with Lysol and wiping down with Clorox wipes once the kids go home! Also, we are in need of more tissues—these kids have some runny, sneezy noses! ☺

Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, February 21st, 5:30 to 6:30pm – Parent Academy (see school website for details)
Monday, February 26th, 5:45pm to 6:30pm—Parent and Chaperone Meeting for Williamsburg Field Trip (Mandatory for Chaperones)
Friday, March 2nd—Early Release
Wednesday, March 14th, 5:30pm—World Fair at Apex Elementary!
Thursday, March 15th, and Friday, March 16th—Visiting Author, Candace Fleming



Inside the Classroom

- **Math**—The kids really seem to like the way we are doing math lessons. Every day, each student rotates through Clipboard Math, Math Tech, and a small group meeting with me. The kids evaluated this process compared to the earlier playlist math...overall, the kids enjoy Clipboard Math and (so they claim) meeting with me each day!
As far as content, we have finished up some seriously tricky math (order of operations and finding, plotting, and comparing coordinate pairs). We will begin our unit on fractions next week. Fractions are a LARGE part of the math EOG, so we will stay on this topic for a while.
As a grade level, we are giving a longer math assessment this week (probably Wednesday) that will review all standards we've taught this year. We have reviewed the data and watched the kids in class over the past few weeks—and have noticed that, while we regularly work on reading stamina, we don't work on increasing our math stamina. Our plan is to help the kids build their "math brain muscles" as we prepare for end-of-grade tests.
- **Science**—We are learning about the human body!! We learned a little about heredity and genetics this week and are moving into plant and animal cells as well as body systems.
Our human growth and development unit and parent meeting will be scheduled when Mrs. Gadziala returns from maternity leave in March. Be on the lookout for information later in the spring.
- **Reading and Social Studies**—Studying the Constitution and Bill of Rights are next on the agenda for reading and social studies before we move into our study of Westward Expansion and historical fiction.