

# TEAM 5 DECEMBER / JANUARY NEWS

We hope everyone was able to spend time with friends and family over the Thanksgiving break. It is always nice to slow down at times like these and reflect upon the important people in our lives.

## **Genre of the Month for December and January**

The genre for the month of December is biography/autobiography. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to read about an influential person in history, favorite sports hero, or celebrity.

For the month of January the genre is historical fiction. A book fitting this genre would be a fictional story with a historical setting and some facets of truth. You might explain historical fiction as part truth/part fiction.

A calendar for December and January reading minutes has been included in the Wednesday folders this week. Remember that your child is required to read a minimum of 450 minutes at home. We are so impressed with the many students who are exceeding this goal each month!

## **Reading – Theme 3**

We have just finished up with Theme 2, and will be moving into Theme 3 after the break. This theme focuses on the American Revolution. This is a very exciting theme for the students, and one in which they learn many interesting facts about famous historical figures.

## **Math**

Fifth graders are currently working on the concept of measurement. Being able to use, apply, and convert using the metric system is a fifth grade essential objective, meaning each student needs to master this before leaving fifth grade. Any reinforcement at home would be greatly appreciated. Students could practice measuring distances around the house. Your child could also help with cooking and practice measuring capacity and weight.

## **Food Drive/Winter Concert**

It is time once again for the Student Council Food Drive. Collections for the Food Drive will begin on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and run through December 18<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity to pass some kindness on to those less fortunate.

Fourth and Fifth grade students will be showing off their musical talents at the Winter Concert on December 13<sup>th</sup>. We hope you can come as its lots of fun to see these students perform!

We hope you all have a wonderful holiday season, and once again thank you for all of your support! If you have questions/concerns, please feel free to contact us.

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