

TEAM 5 OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Dear Families of Fifth Grade Students,

It has been a wonderful first few weeks of school, the students have settled in nicely to fifth grade expectations and making learning a priority. We hope that all of you have set aside the homework time that we suggested at Curriculum Night. It prevents problems before they start.

Awesome Art Projects

As a culminating activity for Theme 1, Nature's Fury, we will be building and erupting small volcanoes. It is a very fun time and is scheduled for October 10th. As part of our social studies unit, Native Americans, we will be making replicas of kachina dolls. Your student must bring a toilet paper tube with his or her name inside of it. Your child may also bring natural colored feathers and beads.

Team 5 Tests

As students get older, it is imperative that they get into the habit of studying for tests. Spelling tests are always on Fridays; they must complete assignments and study at home. Our social studies test on Native Americans is scheduled for October 9th, your child will have a review sheet. Please help your student develop the important skill of studying for tests.

Conferences

Conference time is here already, we can't wait to meet with each of you and discuss your child's progress in school. It is always so rewarding to work together. Conferences are scheduled October 16th and 20th. Your conference time should be included in this week's Wednesday folder.

Health

Our first health unit of the year will be October 20 – 24th. We will be studying Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drugs. Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated that week.

Lots of Thanks for Families

Thank you so much for supporting us on when students should arrive at school, it has really improved! Students are arriving at 8:00, and that is when teachers are on duty.

Also, thank you for monitoring the size of the Team Time snacks. Students have been very compliant.

Genre of the Month

Our first Genre of the Month projects are due this Friday, October 3rd. Students will be presenting their 2 – 3 minute presentations in their reading classes. October's Genre of the Month is realistic fiction. We have attached the calendar and some suggested great books for the month's reading. Students are only required to read one realistic fiction book out of the 450 required reading minutes at home.

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Genre of the Month

Team 5 will continue with the required reading of a specific genre during each month of the school year. October's Genre of the Month is 'realistic fiction'. These books are stories that could really happen. All students need to read one realistic fiction chapter book during the month of October. Naturally, that is a minimum requirement. The majority of your child's reading of the specific genre should be at home during the 450 minutes of required reading during the month. Books may be checked out at the Fredstrom media or the Lincoln Public Libraries. An additional requirement is that the book must be at your child's reading level. Your child will prepare a project to present at school on his or her book during the first week of November. Each teacher will assign this at a later date.

Realistic Fiction Recommendations

The majority of books in the fiction section are realistic fiction. A few great authors that Team 5 teachers recommend are as follows:

- *Bill Wallace
- *Peg Kehret
- *Scott O'Dell
- *Gary Paulsen
- *Betsy Byars
- *Jean Craighead George
- *Patricia Reilly Giff
- *Katherine Patterson
- *Ben Mikaelson
- *Lois Lowry
- *Sid Fleischman
- *Mary Downing Hahn

Enjoy reading, there are some fabulous books for upper elementary students. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, feel free to call.

Team 5 teachers

Parent Signature: _____

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Total Minutes = _____

