



# Fourth and Fifth Grade



## *Math*

Fourth and fifth grade students have been learning about the place value system in Math. We started off the year with an engaging benchmark number activity that helped students sharpen their estimating skills! Number sense awareness of whole numbers and decimals is also being challenged by practicing to read numbers through billions and converting numbers to word, standard, and expanded forms. Both fourth and fifth grade students will take the Chapter 1 test next week!

## *Reading*

The students have been working hard putting together their own individual reading binders. As the year progresses, these binders will fill with graphic organizers and other tools to help your student be the best reader they can be!

Don't forget that fourth graders need to be reading thirty minutes a night and fifth graders need to be reading forty minutes a night. Reading logs are collected each Monday!

## *Science*

Fourth graders are busy studying the solar system. They have learned about the Earth's rotation and how gravity affects us daily. Fifth graders have been studying electricity. They have learned the relationship between electrons and electricity. They have also studied conductors and insulators.

## **HOMEWORK REMINDER**

All homework is posted on the fourth and fifth grade homework website at the end of the school day. If a student does not turn in a completed homework assignment on time, he or she will complete it during recess with a ten point grade deduction per day the assignment is late. **Your student will also bring home a homework notice for you to sign. This needs to be returned to school the following day!**

## **Important Dates**

September 14 - Pictures  
September 16 - 12:00 Dismissal  
October 7 - 12:00 Dismissal

## *Language Arts*

We have been hard at work in Language Arts! We are completing our "I Am" poems to introduce ourselves to each other and the school. We are looking forward to figuring out new ways to use ideas in our writing. Look for a gallery of fourth and fifth graders in the intermediate wing soon. Don't forget that spelling contracts are due every Friday!



## *A note from Mrs. McRae*

As you may have heard, I will be taking a leave from the end of September until the middle of November due to the birth of my daughter. During this time, Mrs. Kother will be teaching Language Arts. She has already been in to meet the students and see our daily routine. I know all the students will do a great job showing their Paw Pride by treating this new person in our school with respect and kindness! Thank you for your understanding!