



# Fifth Grade Newsletter

Week of December 9, 2019

## What Are We Learning This Week?

**MATH:** We will generate equivalent fractions. We will also add and subtract fractions with unlike denominators.

**SCIENCE:** We will demonstrate that light travels in a straight line until it strikes an object or travels through one medium to another and demonstrate that light can be reflected and refracted. We will also design and test the effects of force on an object.

**SOCIAL STUDIES:** We will begin to examine the events that led up to the American Revolution.

**READING:** We will identify figurative language in poetry and study words with the prefix in and im.

## How Can You Help Your Child At Home?

**MATH:** Practice basic multiplication facts with your child. Student can also access Prodigy and Istation from home on the computer.

**Science:** Review science vocabulary with your child.

**READING:** Read at least 20 minutes per night. Our goal is for every student to read at least 30 books this year.

**Spelling words:** We will be working on vocabulary this week.

## Academic Vocabulary

### Math Vocabulary

Prime numbers, composite numbers, equivalent fractions, simplifying, reduce, improper fractions, mixed numbers

### Science Vocabulary

Light, Reflection, refraction, force, motion, pull, push, friction

### RELA Academic Vocabulary

Plot, characters, conflict, resolution, point of view, perspective, figurative language

## Important Dates

- Dec 9-13 Holiday Shop
- Dec 19- 5th Grade Program
- Dec 20- Holiday Parties 11:00-11:45 Early Release
- Dec 23-Jan 3- Winter Holiday
- Jan 6- Student Holiday