



Fifth Grade

April & May 2012

Reading & Writing

Going West has been an interesting unit of study for the fifth graders. They indeed have a better understanding of the various cultural groups who struggle to claim the land of the American West. The final unit Journeys and Quests explores legends, folktales, and short stories. Students will be introduced to the Antarctic explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton, as well as, the astronauts who made the first journey to the moon. The selections in this unit will guide fifth graders on a narrative and historical investigation of this universal theme.

History & Science

History is exciting as the students learn about the rapid rise of industrialism in the United States at the turn of the century, and labor's response to it. Fifth graders will also investigate the wave of immigration that occurs at the turn of the century. Students will gain a better understanding of how American becomes a world power as they finish their history units.

The science study for the last nine weeks will be to continue Health and study Space Exploration. Students explore how the structure of individual systems in the human body affects the body's ability to perform functions necessary for life. Students will describe how the body breaks down food through physical and chemical changes into a form that can be used by cells.

Math

Throughout the year students are encouraged to use a variety of strategies when solving a given problem. Some strategies the students can implement include: computation, logical reasoning, a diagram, data in a table, physical models, write a number model, use a formula or make a graph. Fifth graders will be reviewed and assessed on material covered this year.

Testing

We will be taking the Iowa Test of Basic Skills during the week of April 16th - April 27th. Make sure children get a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast. I am anticipating great results!

Notes:

April 6th

Private school will be closed but daycare will be open.

