

# FIFTH GRADE

## news

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Dear Parents,

This week we enjoyed our 5<sup>th</sup> grade bike ride. Thank you to all of the parents that volunteered their time to make this exciting tradition a reality. The children really loved it.

Conferences are well on their way and we are only 3 weeks away from the end of the first nine-weeks grading period. If you have not yet signed up for a conference with your child's homeroom teacher, please do so soon.

Please review this entire newsletter and email your child's teacher with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Your 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Team

### Important Dates

**Sep. 20:** Field Trips Deposit Due

**Sep. 24:** Fall Picture Day

**Sep. 25:** Dads Take Your Child to School Day

**Sep. 26:** Chick-Fil-A Share Night

**Sep. 30:** Fall Holiday – No School



### **Personal Communication Devices (PCDs)**

As you know, many students today carry their own communication devices. These can include: cell phones, tablets, smart watches, and more. If your child does carry their own personal communication device, please see the bullet points listed below from the Leon County Schools Student Code of Content book. This is from LCS Policy 5136. We suggest you review the entire policy as well as the rest of the Student Code of Conduct book.

- Students may use personal communication devices before and after school (without causing disruption), while riding on a school bus (with headphones) at the discretion of the bus driver, and in class with a teacher's permission and supervision.
- **At all other times, PCDs shall be powered completely OFF (not just placed into vibrate or silent mode) and stored out of sight.**
- Violations of the policy may result in disciplinary action and/or confiscation of the PCD.
- Parents/Guardians are advised that the best way to get in touch with their child during the school day is by calling the school office.

# Check out what we're doing in the classroom!



We are finishing up one of our most difficult chapters, Divide Whole Numbers. Students are dividing using one and two digit divisors. It is important that students know their basic multiplication and division facts. If they are still struggling with basic facts, flash cards are a great tool. Just a few minutes every night will make a big difference! Also, please encourage your child to go back and check their work.



Our lessons are focused on world geography and map skills, such as identifying latitude and longitude.

Constitution Day was Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Ask your child what they learned!



In Science we are learning the basics of matter. We are comparing and contrasting the basic properties of solids, liquids, and gases (such as mass, volume, color, texture, and temperature), how materials dissolve in water and those that will not (how to speed up or slow down the dissolving process), how mixtures of solids can be separated, and the basics of atoms.

### How can you help at home?

**VOCABULARY!** Make sure that your children not only know the definitions but also apply the meanings of the words to real life objects and/or situations.

Right now, the focus in language arts is getting familiar with the Wonders Curriculum. Soon, we will be working on how to read and respond to both informational and opinion writing prompts.

Students should be reading each night and be at or above 60% of their AR goal. The deadline for reaching their goal is October 11<sup>th</sup>.

