

Grade 5 Newsletter

Week 30: April 21-25, 2024.

Message from the Grade 5 Team:

ELA: "Why should we care about garbage?" That is the big question we are exploring in this unit. To answer it, we are reading, writing, and talking about trash as a resource. Be a part of our exploration!

Math: This week we continue learning about fractions. A fraction is a part of a whole number, and a way to split up a number into equal parts. It is written as the number of equal parts being counted, called the numerator, over the number of parts in the whole, called the denominator.

Science: In Science we are studying fossils and what fossils can help us learn about Earth's past. Fossils are the preserved remains, or traces of remains, of ancient organisms. Fossils are not the remains of the organism itself! They are rocks. A fossil can preserve an entire organism or just part of one. Fossils can be very large or very small. Preserved remains become fossils if they reach an age of about 10,000 years. Some of the oldest fossils are those of ancient algae that lived in the ocean more than 3 billion years ago. An appropriate website is sponsored by the American Museum of Natural History in New York City: <https://www.amnh.org/exhibitions/permanent/fossilha%20lls?src=e> Share the excitement with the whole family!

Spelling and Vocabulary Test, Wednesday April 24th, 2024.
Unit 9 Science Test Lessons 1 and 3, Thursday April 25th, 2024.

English Language Arts

Reading Selection: Message in a Bottle by David de Rothschild

Essential Question: Why should we care about garbage?

Language Focus: Persuade

Content Vocabulary: plastic, pollution, recycle, reduce, renewable, reuse

Academic Vocabulary: argument, balance, debate, evidence, solution

Reading Strategy: Synthesize

Genre: Essay

Grammar: Adverbs

Math

Book/Chapter/Unit/Topic Chapter 9 Add and Subtract Fractions Review

Key Vocabulary: unlike fractions, least common denominator LCD, difference, estimate, fraction, sum

Essential Question: How can equivalent fractions help me add and subtract fractions?

Science

Book/Chapter/Unit: Science Fusion: Unit 10: What are Fossils? **Lesson:** 1

Big Idea: Fossils help us understand Earth's history.

Essential Questions: What are fossils?

Science Vocabulary: fossil, cast, mold, fossil fuel



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Homework

* Homework is due on Thursday each week.

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| ELA IXL Skills | PP5 |
| Math IXL Skills | L5 and L6 |
| Science IXL Skills | S2 |

