

Grade 5 Newsletter

Week 29: April 20-24, 2025.

Message from the Grade 5 Team:

ELA: We're continuing our unit on environmental awareness with the question: "Why should we care about garbage?" Students are reading and writing persuasive texts that explore how waste can become a resource. Try having a dinner-table discussion using our vocabulary words like recycle, reduce, and renewable to connect classroom learning to everyday life!

Math: This week, we move from adding and subtracting fractions into multiplying and dividing fractions. Students will use visual models and strategies involving common factors and multiples to deepen their understanding. This foundation is essential for real-world applications like recipes, measurements, and more!

Science: After wrapping up our study of Earth's motion, we now focus on the sun and stars. In Lesson 4, students explore why the sun appears larger and brighter than other stars, even though it's just one of many. Using models, they'll investigate how scale, distance, and proportion affect what we see in the sky. Get ready for hands-on learning and fascinating discussions about our place in the universe!

Spelling Test Monday, April 21st, 2025.

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 10 Multiply and Divide Fractions Lessons 4 and 6

Key Vocabulary: least common multiple LCM, greatest common factor GCF, numerator, denominator, equivalent, mixed numbers

Essential Question: What strategies can be used to multiply and divide fractions?

Science

Book/Chapter/Unit: Science Fusion: Unit 5, Lesson 4 What Is the Sun?

Big Idea: The sun looks bigger and brighter because it's the closest star to Earth.

Essential Question: Why does the sun appear different from other stars?

Vocabulary: sun, star, distance, brightness, model, constellation

Homework

* Homework is due on Thursday each week.

ELA IXL Skills	PP5
Math My Math Student Book	Pages: 729 – 780, 743 - 744
Science IXL Skills	Y4 and Y7

Reminders & Updates

Spelling Bee

- **Girls:** Sunday, April 20
- **Boys:** Monday, April 21

Field Trip to Super Park – Avenues

- **Grades 4 & 5 Boys:** Tuesday, April 22, 2025
 - **Grades 4 & 5 Girls:** Wednesday, April 23, 2025
- Please sign and return the consent form along with the trip payment as soon as possible.
Note: Payment will not be accepted on the day of the trip.

Why Attendance Matters


As we begin preparing for End-of-Year performances and wrapping up key Grade 6 concepts, regular attendance is more important than ever. Every day counts and supports your child's growth and confidence!



Cognia Parent & Student Surveys


Please take a moment to share your thoughts by completing the **Cognia Climate & Culture Survey**. Your input helps us make Ajial even better!

Click below to complete the Parent Survey (English):

 [Parent Survey](#)

 Students, please complete both quick surveys posted on **MS Teams**:

1.  [Cognia Student Survey](#)
2.  [Fun Activity Poll](#) *(share your fun class ideas!)*

 All links and QR codes have also been posted on **MS Teams**.

Thank you for your support and your child's participation!