

## Grade 5 Newsletter

### WEEK 19: 4-8 January 2026

#### Message from the Grade 5 Team:

- ELA: We're diving deep into the concept of justice in our current unit. Join us in exploring through discussions, writings, and readings on fairness and human rights. Take part in this intellectual journey by reading and incorporating our new vocabulary words with your child, helping them better grasp the interconnected elements of justice.
- Math: In Math, we will move on to Chapter 8. Here students will learn about how factors and multiples help us in understanding fractions and solving problems.
- Science: In Science we will begin Unit 4, "Energy and Matter in Ecosystems." This week we will complete lesson 1. Students will model how energy and matter move through an ecosystem.

Dear Parents,

We would like to remind you that school will resume as normal after the winter holidays on January 4, 2026. Regular teaching and learning will take place, including classwork, homework, and tests. Participation and grades are key components of our academic program.

Please note that if students are absent without a valid medical note from a doctor, participation grades and other assessments may be affected. We encourage all students to attend school regularly to make the most of their learning opportunities.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding

**MAP TESTING: 4<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

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## English Language Arts

**Reading Selection:** Crossing Bok Chitto by Tim Tingle, page 230-244

**Essential Question:** What is justice?

**Language Focus:** Justify

**Spelling Words:** Nation, Motion, Creation, Education, Direction, Celebration, Decision  
Explosion, Confusion, Extension

**Content Vocabulary:** abolish, emancipation, escape, law, plantation, slavery

**Academic Vocabulary:** distinguish, equality, freedom, risk, route

**Thinking Map:** Theme

**Reading Strategy:** Make Inferences

**Genre:** Tale

## Math

**Chapter/Unit/Topic:** Chapter 8 – Lesson 1, 2 and 3, page 545-569

**Key Vocabulary:** numerator, denominator, common factor, common multiple, equivalent fractions, GCF (greatest common factor), LCD (lowest common denominator), LCM (lowest common multiple), simplest form, factor, multiple.

**Essential Question:** How are factors and multiples helpful in solving problems?

## Science

**Book/Chapter/Unit:** Into Science: Unit 4 Energy and Matter in Ecosystems – Lesson 1: Organisms interact in ecosystems, page 135

**Big Idea:** Matter moves among plants, animals, decomposers and the environment.

**Essential Questions:** How do energy and matter move through ecosystems?

**Science Vocabulary:** ecosystem, environment, biosphere, biomes

## Homework

\* Homework is due on Thursday each week.

ENGLISH	Reach Higher, page 246 – “Write about it”
MATH	My Math, page 561-562
SCIENCE	Worksheet will be given in class.



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