

Grade 5 Newsletter

Week 35: April 26-30, 2026

Message from the Grade 5 Team:

ELA: *“What does it take to settle in a new land?” That is the big question we are exploring in Unit 6. To answer it, we are reading, writing, and talking about the history of the western United States. Be a part of our exploration! With your child, read the new words and talk together about the history of your town or country. Share what you know about how and when it was settled. Try to use some of the new words in your discussion.*

Math: *This week, we are beginning an exciting new unit on Geometry. Students will explore the properties of shapes, lines, and angles. Through hands-on activities, visual models, and problem-solving tasks, they will learn how geometry connects to real-world situations and everyday problem-solving.*

Science: We continue our journey into the amazing world of Space Exploration, asking the big question “What is Space?” This week we will explore the Moon. We look at the moon phases and eclipses.

REMINDER

“EXIT TICKET” TASKS will be conducted randomly throughout the week for English, Math and Science.

ATTENDANCE to all lessons is compulsory

English Language Arts

Reading Selection: Westward Bound! By Michael J. Noble

Essential Question: What does it take to settle a new land?

Reading strategy: Learn to visualize

Content Vocabulary: construction, gold, rush, ranching, reservation, settler

Academic Vocabulary: establish, expansion, explore, frontier, individual

Genre: History article

Language Frame: Cause and effect, page 84

Math

Book/Chapter/Unit/Topic: Chapter 12: Geometry – Lesson 1 & 3 (Polygons and Triangles)

Key Vocabulary: attributes, congruent, regular, dimensions, acute, obtuse, scalene, isosceles, equilateral, side, vertex, base

Essential Question: How does geometry help me solve problems in everyday life?

Science

Book/Chapter/Unit: Unit 6: Patterns in the sky – The Moon – Phases and eclipses.

Big Idea: What lies beyond Earth’s atmosphere.

Essential Question: What are the moon phases?

Science Vocabulary: planet, satellite, orbit, phases, waxing, waning, gravity, eclipse.

Homework

* Homework is due on Thursday each week.

ELA	Worksheet or MsForm
MATH	My Math, page 907-908
SCIENCE	PowerPoint- Homework slide- Eclipses