

## Grade 5 Newsletter

### Week 38: May 17-21, 2026

#### Message from the Grade 5 Team:

**ELA:** We are moving on to our environmental awareness unit with a new reading selection: *Where I Live* by Gary Soto. Students will explore the question, “Why should we care about garbage?” through the lens of personal responsibility and transformation.

**Math:** This week, we are continuing with the exciting unit on Geometry. Students will learn how to calculate the Volume of prisms and composite shapes. 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 review everything that we have learnt about Space

#### **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: *Where I Live* by Gary Soto

Essential Question: Why should we care about garbage?

Language Focus: Make Comparisons

Content Vocabulary: biodegradable, dispose, generate, landfill, transform

Academic Vocabulary: affect, behavior, benefit, effect, responsibility

Reading Strategy: Synthesize

Genre: Short Story

Grammar: Prepositional Phrases

Writing: Writing a Persuasive Essay

### Math

**Book/Chapter/Unit/Topic:** Chapter 12: Geometry – Lesson 9,10,11- Volume and Composite shapes.

**Key Vocabulary:** attributes, congruent, regular, dimensions, formula, length, width, height.

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

### Science

**Book/Chapter/Unit:** Unit 6: Patterns in the sky: Space exploration

**Big Idea:** What lies beyond Earth’s atmosphere.

**Essential Question:** How has engineering and technology moulded space exploration?

**Science Vocabulary:** planet, satellite, orbit, axis, rotation, revolution, seasons.

## Homework

\* Homework is due on Thursday each week.

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| <b>ELA</b>     | Worksheet                  |
| <b>MATH</b>    | "My Math" - worksheet      |
| <b>SCIENCE</b> | PowerPoint- Homework slide |

