



Sangster Elementary Fifth Grade October Newsletter



Important Dates / Events



As we begin the month of October, we are settling into our normal routines of the school year. Back to School Night was a wonderful success and we are thankful for all who were able to attend!

We are committed to establishing strong parent-teacher communication. Should you ever have any questions about your child, the curricula, or just need to touch base, please feel free to contact us.

Here is an overview of some of the things that we have planned for your child this month.

Monday, October 14
Student Holiday

Friday, October 18
Field Day Grades 4-6



Math - 5th Grade

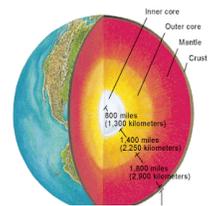
We will continue to work on computing numbers with fluency and estimating while reviewing unit 1 concepts (even / odd and prime / composite #s). We are currently focusing on place value, rounding decimals, and comparing / ordering of fractions and decimals. In our next unit, students will create and solve single-step and multistep problems with whole numbers and simplify whole number expressions using the order of operations. Please continue to work with your child on practicing and internalizing math facts on a daily/weekly basis.

Advanced Math - 6th Grade

Students have just wrapped up unit one on working with integers, rational numbers, and powers. We are moving on to expanding their ability to operate with fractions and mixed numbers to include multiplication and division. Students will also solve both single- and multistep practical problems in all four operations with fractions and mixed numbers.

Science

In science, we have started our Landform Unit. In this unit students will investigate and understand how the Earth's surface is constantly changing. They will also understand that matter is anything that has mass and takes up space; and occurs as a solid, liquid, or gas. They will also demonstrate understanding of the scientific reasoning and logic. Throughout most of the units, we will also continue to use experimental design.



Facts of the Month

Did you know that on October 1, 1896, free rural delivery of mail started in the United States?

Did you know that more U.S. presidents have been born in October than in any other month?

Did you know that October is not mentioned in any Shakespeare play or sonnet?

Language Arts



This month students will read a variety of fiction and nonfiction to maximize meaning and make sense of narrative work. They will develop vocabulary by listening to and reading a variety of texts. Students are also being introduced to characters and memoirs in both reading and writing.

Our students are becoming more confident writers as they apply the writing process to their written pieces. They are learning to plan, compose, revise and edit their writing. Students will also learn about figurative language and how to incorporate it into their descriptive writing.

Social Studies

This month, students will be finishing up their geography unit and start learning about ancient cultures. They are also learning about how each culture has certain universals such as government, economics, arts and beauty, as well as values. Students will discover an understanding of how the people and events of the past have impacted our modern world through their exploration of one of the following Ancient cultures:

- Mesopotamia
- India
- China

Students will show their understanding of how geography affects culture and identify the contributions of ancient cultures and their impact on our system of government. This will allow students to develop a deeper understanding of the cultural attributes as they plan to create their own culture and participate in the Global Awareness Technology Project later this year.

