



# November News From Fifth Grade

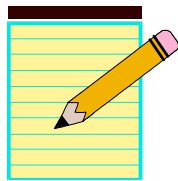
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## CURRICULUM CORNER

**Math** studies in the next month will include activities and practices in converting fractions, decimals, and percents. A large focus will be placed on real world connections and applications. Please discuss with your child various situations that arise dealing with fractions, decimals, and percentages.

**Reading** work will include practice with the fascinating novel study centered around the book Dear Mr. Henshaw. Students are practicing writing reading responses throughout the novel study and incorporating higher order thinking skills through participation in

class discussions. Many students are truly enjoying reading this novel and might want to check out another of Beverly Cleary's books!



**Language Arts** will concentrate our writing efforts in the three forms of writing. Our narrative writing describes a story or personal experience. Persuasive writing is an effort to convince your reader to agree with your thoughts. Expository writing is informative writing incorporating facts. Ask your child about the type of writing he or she is working

on currently in writers' workshop.

## **Social**

**Science** brings an exciting study of Revolution. We are focusing on what a revolution is, who runs a revolution, what changes as a result of a revolution, and why changes occur. Another great resource is that the social science textbook is online and can be found at:

[www.pearsonsuccessnet.com](http://www.pearsonsuccessnet.com)

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Our **science** curriculum keeps the students engaged and inquisitive. We have been exploring the world of decomposition in nature. Students have helped to create and care for our 'worm bin.' In addition, this unit entails three scientific experiments to learn about how nature's recyclers work.

#### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES**

##### ***Battle of the Books***

Battle of the Books is a wonderful literary opportunity. There is a list of 40 books for students to choose from. Then there are biweekly meetings led by Mrs. Fitterer and Mrs. Day during recess for students to discuss these great texts. There are many fabulous books on the list! It's not too late to

join! Come on, come all!!! Happy reading!!!



##### ***All School Reading Program***

Fifth grade students are encouraged to participate in the all school reading program, called 'Building Readers.' Students record the amount of time read on recording sheets and turn in completed sheets to the LRC. Please encourage and cheer on your fifth grader toward reaching this obtainable goal!

##### ***Parent Conferences***

Thank you to all the students and parents who attended conferences in October. It was a wonderful opportunity to describe and discuss school work and school related topics. Many thanks to

everyone for taking time out of their very busy schedules for this important communication.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- November 13  
Willy Wonka  
Field Trip
- November 18  
Report Cards  
go home
- November 25  
NO SCHOOL  
Teacher  
Institute Day
- November 26-27  
NO SCHOOL  
Happy  
Thanksgiving!

