



For the Week of  
November 7 - 11



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# FIFTH GRADE NEWSFLASH

## Current Units of Study

- Math: Equivalent Fractions & Common Denominators
- Reading: Organizational Structures and Making Connections (text-to-self, text-to-text, and text-to-world)
- Grammar: common and proper nouns, the four sentence types (declarative, imperative, exclamatory, interrogative), compound and simple sentences
- Vocabulary: see page 2
- Writing: research on Ellis Island and country of origin for Ellis Island simulation (details on p.2)
- Social Studies: Immigration, Technological Innovations (Inventors & Inventions)
- Science: Earth's Changing Surface (weathering, erosion, earthquakes, volcanoes, mountain formation)

## Upcoming Assessments

- Thursday, 11/10: Math Summative (Equivalent Fractions & Common Denominators)
- Friday, 11/11: Reading Summative (Organizational Structures)



## Reminders

- **Whitlow's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Yearbook Cover Contest deadline is Tuesday, November 8.**  
Theme: "Wolf Pride"  
Size: 8 ½ x 11 in paper (vertical, unlined)  
No text included on paper  
One entry per student  
Write student's and teacher's name on back
- Please check/sign your child's agenda and conduct folder weekly, if not daily, to stay abreast of your child's work and conduct habits.

## Dates to Remember

- 11/11: Literacy Night at WES
- 11/18: Ellis Island Simulation Day (see p.2)
- 11/21 – 11/25: Thanksgiving Break (no school for Staff & Students)
- 12/1: Evening with Santa

## Science and Social Studies

Due to the volume of content students must learn this year in these subjects, we will continue to teach Social Studies for the remaining weeks of second quarter, and we will also begin adding current Science curriculum, as well. In addition to our regular content time, we will be integrating Social Studies and Science content within the Language Arts and Writing blocks of our instructional day. Students may have homework in either of these subjects throughout the remainder of the term. See page 2 about our upcoming Ellis Island Simulation.

Vocabulary Words for story selections  
The Story of Flight and/or Wings for the King

1. admiringly
2. permit
3. scoundrel
4. subject
5. worthless

Science Vocabulary: Earth's Changing Surface

1. contour lines
2. crust
3. topographic map
4. erosion
5. sediment
6. weathering
7. deposition

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Whitlow Students	Username	Password
Grade 1	Whitlow1	Whitfirst
Grade 2	Whitlow2	Whitsecond
Grade 3	Whitlow3	Whitthird
Grade 4	Whitlow4	Whitfourth
Grade 5	Whitlow5	Whitfifth

Ellis Island Simulation

Over the next two weeks, fifth graders will be learning and researching more in-depth information about Ellis Island and the period of immigration that took place during the late 1800's and early 1900's. All of our studying and researching will culminate in an Ellis Island simulation on the morning of Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

During the next two weeks leading up to simulation day, students in each fifth grade class will be assigned roles within an immigrant family with a country of origin to research. They will be completing character profiles, declarations of intention, passports, birth certificates, and gathering "money" from their country of origin to exchange for \$20 in U.S. currency. Students will also get to take a virtual tour of Ellis Island online. On simulation day, all students will gather together on the "ship" with their baggage and make their way into Ellis Island to experience the confusion, long waiting periods, literacy checks, medical checks, legal documentation, and long awaited acceptance into the United States. But will all be accepted?

On simulation day, students are encouraged to dress in attire representative of their country of origin during this time period. This week your child will be bringing home the details about his/her family name and country of origin, should you wish to do online research at home to help. We are looking forward to this event! If you would like to volunteer, each fifth grade teacher will need at least four parents. Please contact your teacher if you are interested!

Forsyth County Social Studies Fair

This year's Social Studies Fair is scheduled for Thursday, December 8, 2011 at the Forsyth County Board of Education Building from 4:00 – 7:30 pm.

To register, students need to visit <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8DV99TV> by December 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.

Last year, Whitlow had two winners!