



For the Week of  
Aug 29 – Sept 2



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# FIFTH GRADE NEWSFLASH

## Current Units of Study

- Math: Graphing and Data Analysis
- Reading: Figurative Language & Stylistic Elements (personification, metaphor, simile, hyperbole, idioms, alliteration, refrain)
- Grammar: Nouns (Common/Proper, Regular/Irregular, Possessive)
- Vocabulary: words from story selection (see the second page of newsletter)
- Writing: The Writing Process continued and preparation for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade writing test later this year
- Social Studies: Causes of the Civil War

## Reminders

- Please send healthy foods for snack time and avoid sending sweets. Bottled water is acceptable.
- Agendas and conduct folders need to be signed/initialed nightly.
- Students need to remember tennis shoes on their scheduled P.E. days.

## Dates to Remember

- 8/29 – Lunch guests and volunteers may begin visiting the school
- 8/31 – Early Release Day
- 9/1 – **Curriculum Night!**
- 9/5 – Labor Day holiday (no school)

## This Week's Homework (Check agendas daily for changes)

### Monday

- Reading: Practice Book page 23 (Theme and setting)
- Math: homework book p.45 (Lesson 7.3)
- Read for 20 minutes

### Tuesday

- Reading: Practice Book page 24 (Vocabulary)
- Math: homework book p.43 (Lesson 7.1)
- Read for 20 minutes

### Wednesday

- Reading: Practice Book page 25 (Vocabulary)
- Math: homework book pp. 44-49 (Lessons 7.2 & 8.1)
- Read for 20 minutes

### Thursday

- Reading Practice Book page 26 (Character and Plot)
- Math: homework book pp.46-47 (Lessons 7.4 & 7.5)
- Math: Summative Study Guide DUE Tuesday after Labor Day weekend
- Read for 20 minutes

## Upcoming Assessments

(Tentative – dates may be pushed back if necessary)

- Grammar: Summative Test on Nouns will be on Friday, 9/2/11
- Math: Summative Test on Data Analysis and Graphing will be Wednesday, 9/7/11, after Labor Day weekend
- Reading: Summative Test on Figurative Language will be on Friday, 9/9/11

## Vocabulary words from Island of the Blue Dolphins

1. lair
2. ravine
3. gnawed
4. sinew
5. shellfish
6. kelp
7. headland

### Additional information about volunteering:

Volunteers are welcome to begin pre-arranged visits to classrooms this coming Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>!

WES requests that all volunteers adhere to the following:

- Siblings may not accompany volunteers.
- Volunteers may work for up to one hour per day.
- Volunteering hours are between 9:00 – 2:30.
- All check-out procedures for students must be followed as usual, even if parent is volunteering at day's end.

### eBooks – access student textbooks online!

This login information is for all Houghton Mifflin resources: our Social Studies, Math, and Science books, as well as their correlated workbook pages. The student log in gives students access to view the textbooks at home and/or print workbook pages if they accidentally forget them at school.

Go to [www.eduplace.com/eservices](http://www.eduplace.com/eservices) and enter the username and password below for Grade 5. There is also a link on our school's home page on the right side, as well as on the Fifth Grade webpage.

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

Curriculum Night 2011  
Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>  
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Please plan to join us for Curriculum Night to find out more specific information about fifth grade curriculum, grading, BYOT, and special events for this school year! Report to your teacher's classroom from either 6:00-6:45 pm or 6:45-7:30 pm for one of the two sessions offered. We hope to see you then!

### Fifth Grade Rules:

Be Respectful!  
Be Ready!  
Be Responsible!

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