

5th Grade Newsletter

Kelly Mill Elementary

August 22, 2013
Week 2

Language Arts

The focus skills for the upcoming week are the following:

- Conjunctions, prepositions, interjections, and commas
- Quote from text and drawing inferences
- Identifying the main idea and supporting details

Social Studies

We are learning about the Civil War. The students will explain the causes, major events, and consequences of the Civil War.

- a. Identify major battles and campaigns: Fort Sumter, Gettysburg, the Atlanta Campaign, Sherman's March to the Sea, and Appomattox Court House.

Math

This week in math we will continue reviewing mental math strategies including making sets of 10 and getting to "benchmark numbers." We will also discuss other foundational skills as they relate to Math including place value. It is important that your child not just know the digits/places within a number, but the conceptual understanding of the number. Please review 5th grade math skills by logging in to ScootPad or IXL.

Science

We have jumped right into Life Science as we have started exploring both plant and animal cells. This week we will continue our study on organelles and their functions. Be sure to ask your child about upcoming labs including the "cheek test" and "onion lab." We will be creating models of the cells in class as well. Please be on the lookout for possible supplies needed throughout the year.

Information

Thank you for attending curriculum night. We look forward to working with you and your child this year. Below are the responses for the questions left on post-it notes. Please let us know if there are any other questions. Thank you again.

1. How much time is spent in the classroom with on-line tools vs. books?

We will utilize technology quite a bit this year with projects, research, and activities. We will also use various books and novels to integrate curriculum in all subject areas.

2. How will Horizon students be served this year?

We offer Advanced Content classes for our Horizons and advanced students in Math and ELA. All students previously served in Horizons will receive at least 1 segment of Advanced Content daily.

3. Can we know why our child has been put in different level classes for math and ELA?

We used multiple data points including CRCT, teacher recommendation, class performance and grades from last year. We also looked to ensure all of our identified Gifted students had at least 1 segment of Advanced Content.

- The September birthday celebration will be Friday, September 6th.
- **August 28th is an Early Release Day. Students will be dismissed at 11:50.**
- September 2nd is Labor Day (school holiday).