



Class 503 News



"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." -Nelson Mandela

Hello Caregivers of Class 503,

Happy New Year!

We cannot believe it is already March! Our 5th graders are working hard at school to learn new skills and prepare for the new Common Core assessments and most importantly, 6th grade.

Ballroom Dancing is starting! Please make sure your child wears shoes they can dance in on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

As always, please make sure your child is getting his/her homework done each night and he/she is getting a good night's sleep.

Please contact us with any questions via phone or email. As always, we are happy to hear from our parents.

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Home Connection

- Spend time with your child doing homework.
- Read with your child every night.
- Quiz your child on basic math facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) to improve his/ her computation speed and accuracy.

Cluster Schedule

Monday- Library and Gym

Tuesday- Library and Dance

Wednesday- Science and Dance

Thursday- Gym

Friday- Science



March 2015

Reminders

March 19

Parent Teacher Conferences

11:00 dismissal for students

Parent Teacher Conferences from 1:00-3:00pm and 4:30-7:30pm

School starts at

8:00 a.m.

Breakfast is served at

7:30 a.m.

All students are to be in uniform every day.

Websites for Kids

Xtramath.org

www.raz-kids.com

https://cainc.i-ready.com/

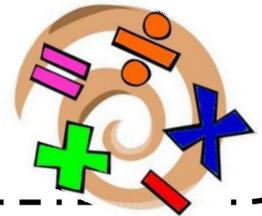


English Language Arts

In English Language Arts, we started our first nonfiction unit, entitled, "Is Your Voice Heard?" The students are learning about the history of the American Colonies and how the colonists won their independence from England. The students will study different ways that the colonists communicated their frustration with the British rule. At home, you can help your child build background knowledge and a deeper understanding of both our unit and the world by reading current events with him/her and discussing the 5Ws- who, what, where, when and why!

Math

In math, we are taking a closer look at adding and subtracting fractions (with unlike denominators) and mixed numbers. Students are learning new strategies to help them solve multistep problems with an emphasis on adding and subtracting fractions. Looking forward, students will be working on other fraction skills, such as multiplying and dividing fractions and mixed numbers!



Clusters



Library News

During our library sessions, students have independently chosen and read biographies on important/famous individuals who have either made life-changing contributions to our world or who keep us entertained by their acting, singing, or athletic ability. Fifth graders are in the process of completing a biography project about the individual he/she found most interesting! Students were taught about plagiarism as well as the importance of rephrasing information rather than copying it directly.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
WILL BE HELD THE WEEK OF
MARCH 16-23 (classroom visits)
and ON MARCH 19 during
PARENT/TEACHER
CONFERENCES!

Science

The fifth graders have been actively involved in working as teams doing the design process and creating their own prototype of an invention. They are now at the finishing stages of the project and presenting them to the rest of the class. Students will have the opportunity to evaluate themselves as well as their classmates.



Gym

Fifth Grade will be learning tennis skills. Each student will have their own tennis racket and learn about the game of tennis. Students will watch clips of tennis matches to visually have an idea what the game is about. Students will also be finishing their FitnessGram tests.

