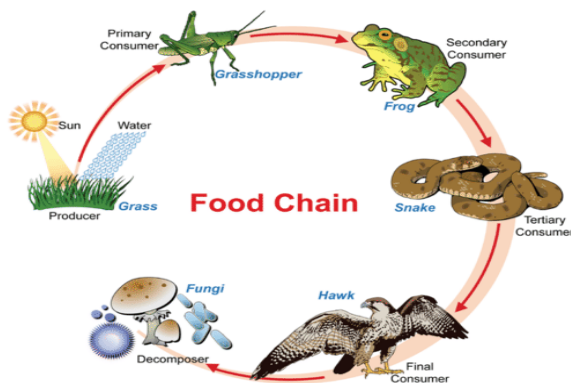


Fifth Grade News: Ms. Carey - Science

In Fifth grade Science, the students are observing the essential connection between plants and animals for energy and survival. The students are differentiating between and explaining the many roles in the food chain. It is amazing to see how one change in a food web can have such an impact on an ecosystem.



Mrs. Havel Smith & Mr. Rapp – Mathematics

The 5th Graders just completed their multiplying decimals chapter and will be moving on to dividing decimals. They learned where to place the decimal in the product by "Looping it to the Left". Soon after dividing decimals, they will know how to solve all operations of decimals. They will never need to use a calculator again! Just ask them to show you!

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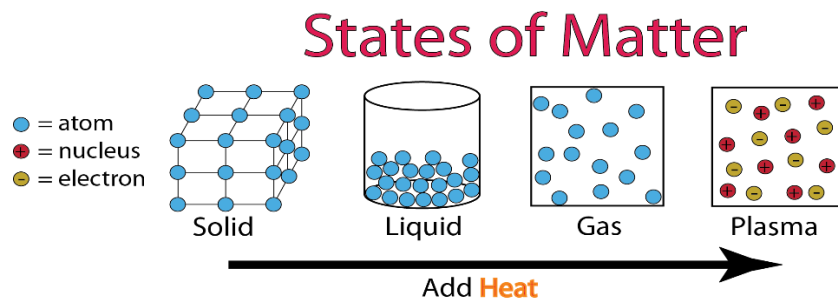
Mrs. Suarez – Language Arts

The Fifth graders finished a Nonfiction unit by reading two articles about the dilemma elementary schools have with student cell phone policies. In addition to reading the articles, they also viewed two videos on the same subject, and took notes. Several insightful discussions followed the reading, note taking and video viewing. The students will use all the information they have gathered to write their first opinion/argument essay of the school year. The students are very excited to be reading books in the genre of Fantasy for their next unit of study in Reading. They are also enjoying the classic novel, *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe*. This week they learned some facts about the book's author, C.S. Lewis, to try to figure out some of his motivation for writing this book, and the Chronicles of Narnia series. *Words Their Way* packets for Spelling are due every Friday. Please encourage your child to share his/her words with you and ask them if there are any new words and meanings, that they learned for the week. Reading homework is assigned Monday thru Thursday for 30 minutes. Students should make an entry in their Reader's Notebook after completing that reading. Kudos to those who received honors, for their report card, for the first trimester. Hard work always pays off with your grades, but sometimes you also get a sweet treat too!



Sixth Grade News: Ms. Carey - Science

In Sixth grade Science, students are describing the properties of matter. The students observed how matter can change from one substance to another in a slime demonstration. This produced a new substance with different properties than the original substance. The students are looking forward to exploring more of the properties of matter.



Mrs. Havel Smith & Mr. Rapp - Mathematics

The 6th graders just finished their chapter on ratios and proportions, where they learned how to compare different store items according to their unit prices. They will be starting their Better Buy Project very soon. The students will have to visit two different stores and compare unit prices on like items, in two different categories. The 6th graders are excited about this project, and we are all looking forward to hearing what they find.

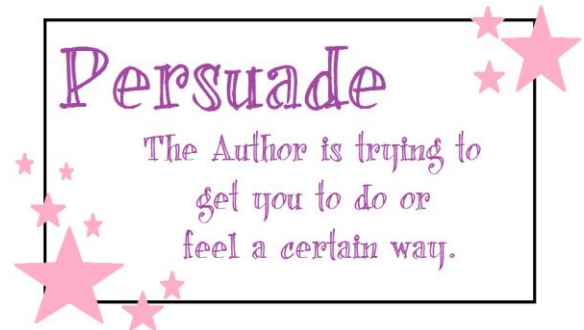
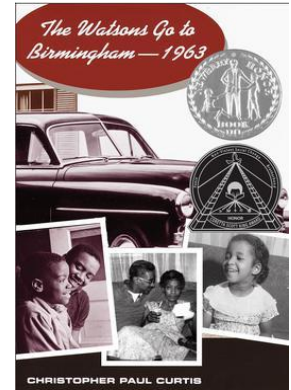
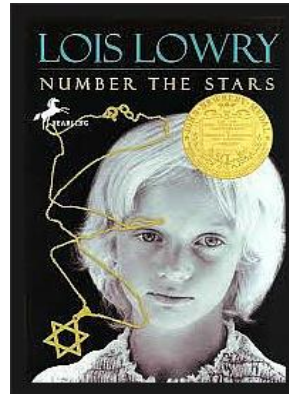


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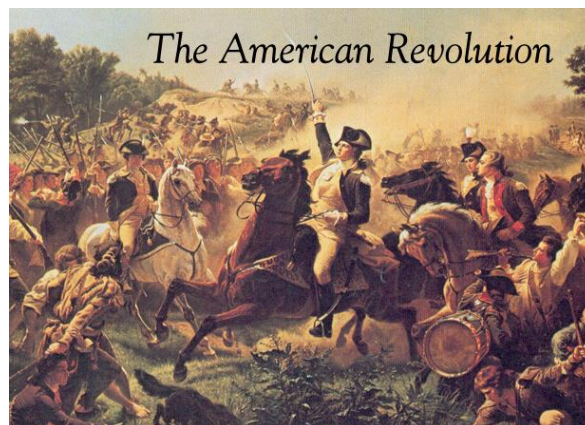


Mr. Kenny – Language Arts and Social Studies

In Mr. Kenny's Language Arts Class, the students are assigned to two different novels, *Number the Stars* and *The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963*. We've focused on the setting and character development. Both of these settings truly let us know how fortunate we are living in America in 2020. To expand on our historical knowledge, we've also started doing group research on The Civil Rights Movement and The Holocaust/World War II. For our writing, we are working on our persuasive essays. The students were assigned one of three topics: do aliens exist, should we have school uniforms, or should hunting be allowed? Students are working on forming a logical argument using convincing language. On our next essay, these skills will help them as they will be doing an argumentative essay, which is essentially a persuasive essay with research included.



In Social Studies, we are making our way through the American Revolution. Just like the Kansas City Chiefs versus Houston Texans game over the previous weekend, the group that broke out with an early lead was not able to hold on in the end. That is fortunate for us because we are just about to learn about America's final victory at Yorktown! Our test will be coming around the first week of February.



Technology News:
Ms. Fares

To the **6th Grade Parents**: I am looking for your child's **baby picture and 5 year old picture**. They will be used in the Moving Up slide show. So far, I have received many of them, but I'm still missing some. If you have not yet submitted pictures, please put your child's name on the back of the picture, and send it to school in an envelope. All pictures must be given to your child's homeroom teacher. The pictures will be scanned, and the originals will be returned to you. Thank you for your help!

