

# Mrs. Hartgraves' Fifth Grade Weekly Recap

Week of: October 5, 2015

District 300 is committed to helping students reach their potential as self-directed learners and responsible citizens.



## Birthdays this Month

Emma & Morgan

## Pledge Announcers:

Sasha, Kaylle &

Wendy

Our Unit 1 Math test was completed last Friday. Overall, the students did a great job with studying and applying their learning. We are working hard on creating good study habits and skills, so hopefully you are seeing them being utilized at home.

Our Halloween Party is quickly approaching. If you signed up to help out, you will be contacted shortly. However if you did not and would like to donate snacks to our classroom, we would greatly appreciate it! We do not have school on Monday 10/12 for Columbus Day. Therefore due to the short week next week, I will not be sending home a newsletter.

Thank you again for all that you do!

## Content Covered This Week

### Math

Unit 2: Decimals- 2.1, 2.2, 2.3

We are discussing how fractions and decimals are similar, and we are discussing place value to the thousandths. The students do a whole group lesson with student leaders, and then get group practice with workbook pages. The students have an opportunity to work in groups given an activity to card which they then solve with their partner, and then write in their math journal using mathtalk according to their math prompt. Continue to work on math facts!

### Reading

Book: Social Studies textbook (non-fiction)

Big Idea: How can conflict create change

Idioms of the Week: Hit the Hay & Time Flies

Social Studies: Revolutionary War

We are beginning to discuss the issues that lead to the Revolutionary War. I will create a tax on supplies used in the classroom using M&Ms, so the students can understand the feelings that the colonists had. We are using our Textbook and worksheets to discuss this topic.

Writing- *Being a Writer* (Short Research)

The students have completed a short research paper on a question that they had from our weather unit. The students were to write a quality paragraph and cite their source. The students are also writing a letter to a Westfield Pen Pal, whom they will meet when we go to Camp Duncan in May.

## Specials Schedule



Music

**C and E Day 11:35-12:05**



Media

**B Day 11:35- 12:05**



PE (Bring gym shoes)

**A and D Day 11:35-12:05**

## Mark Your Calendar

- Every A Day- book check out
- Oct 8<sup>th</sup>- PTC Event: Which Wich?
- Oct 9<sup>th</sup>- Scholastic Book Order Due
- Oct 9<sup>th</sup>- First genre genius project due
- Oct 9<sup>th</sup>- Early Release (12:30pm)
- Oct 12<sup>th</sup>- No School (Columbus Day)
- Oct 16<sup>th</sup>- Fun Fair
- Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>- PTC Event: Super Kids Taekwondo
- Nov 13<sup>th</sup>- Family Movie Night

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\*\*\*Please sign the Friday Folder to let me know that you have looked at this important information, and so that we can stay in close communication.

\*I will check each folder on Monday morning and get back to you right away!



Please remember to have your child bring his/her folder to school on Monday!