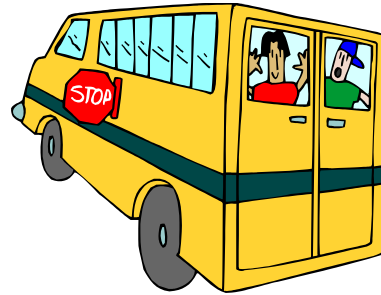


September 2010 5th Grade Newsletter

Dates to remember:

Sep. 6-10 Eid break

Sep. 17 Eid party



5th Grade English

This month we will be reading the short stories: "Frindle," "Thunder Rose," "Island of the Blue Dolphins," and "Satchel Paige." Students will be learning about the plot or what happens in a story and the characters the people or animals in a story. Students will rely on prior knowledge while reading these stories. Vocabulary: suffixes.

5th Grade History

This month we will be starting by looking at the demographics of the United States, which had a varied population that shared many ideals. We learn that the U.S. is a republic in which citizens elect their leaders. Further the United States has a free enterprise system that gives Americans many economic freedoms.

5th Grade Science

For this class, students will explore the parallel development of cell theory and the microscope; compares the structure and functions of plant cells and animal cells. In addition, they will also describe the structures that all single-celled organisms to affect the environment digest food regulate water, move, and reproduce. Students will also explain how differences in cell structure and function are used to classify living things into six kingdoms.

5th Grade Math

In this month, students will develop their understanding of equivalence of fractions and their ability to compute with and solve everyday problems that involve fractions. They will also learn to identify the greatest common factor, least common multiple, and least common denominator. Students will use their knowledge to place fractions and mixed numbers on a number line, as they rely on concepts of "is less than" and "is greater than" in fractions. By understanding that the greater of two fractions is to the right on a fraction number line (less 10), students gain the ability to compare and order these types of numbers.