

# 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Cardinal Directions

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\* Monday, Aug 24<sup>th</sup>  
PTO meeting 7:00

\* Tuesday, Aug 25<sup>th</sup>  
Fundraiser Kickoff

\* Wed, Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Parent Night

\* Thurs, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>  
PTO ice cream  
social

\* Monday, Sept 7<sup>th</sup>  
No School- Labor  
Day



Thank you for the warm welcome to West Indianola! I have really enjoyed getting to know your children this week. It is going to be a great year!

We are starting off the year studying weather in science and reading. We are learning the procedures for literature circles this week. Literature circles allow a small group of students to read a book and have student guided discussions about the book. Students will have the opportunity to choose from several books about weather, some fiction, some non-fiction. To practice literature circles we are reading Ray Bradbury's short story "All Summer in a Day."

Ms. Meyer teaches social studies in our classroom four days a week. The students are studying early American explorers in social studies.

In math this week, we will work on multiplication arrays, factors, divisibility, and prime and composite numbers. Please notice the Everyday Math newsletter that will accompany this newsletter for more information.

## Spelling Words

1. saga
2. encounter
3. exploration
4. between
5. weather
6. Vikings
7. yourself
8. garland
9. horde
10. array
11. column
12. everything
13. question
14. flammable
15. elevate

## REVIEW WORDS:

16. factor
17. heat
18. thought
19. music
20. window

## CHALLENGE WORDS

21. **atmosphere**
22. condensation
23. precipitation
24. evaporation
25. immaculate

I am looking forward to parent night on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will talk about classroom routines, curriculum and expectations that night. I hope you can make it. There are a few things I wanted to mention before then. Students are welcome to bring water bottles to school. I prefer that they be taken home each night and filled so that valuable class time is not used filling water bottles. The students may also bring a healthy mid-morning snack. During snack time I am encouraging students to pay attention to serving sizes. They may bring a box of crackers, etc. that stays at school, but I would also like them to bring a measuring cup to measure out the appropriate serving. This is an important life skill.

Please checkout the class website! I keep it updated regularly. You will find pictures, newsletters, and class information there. The url is listed below. Check it out!

☺ Have a great week! ☺