

5th Grade Cardinal Directions

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* October 29th
Book Orders Due

* October 1st
Picture Day

* October 2nd
Homecoming Early
Release 12:15

Have a wonderful
week!



Reading: Nature's Fury Theme:

Shared Reading-

We will do a genre study of tall tales this week. We will also be taking the first quarter common assessments. These are assessments that are given across the district to see how our 5th grade students are coming on meeting the standards.

Literature Circles-

We will begin new literature circles today. The students are very motivated by the discussions that they have about the books they are reading. I love to see the kids so excited about reading!

Math: We did not get to the American Tour

Project last week so we will introduce it today. It is a great year long project that incorporates social studies and math. We will also begin to study geometry this week.

Science: We will study weather patterns and climate this week

Social Studies: Early American Explorers

Spelling Words

1. mountain
2. caught
3. hair
4. bird
5. wood
6. thought
7. beautiful
8. measured
9. which
10. highest
11. among
12. morning
13. listened
14. instead
15. traveling

CONTENT WORDS:

16. climate
17. journal
18. American
19. weather
20. certain

CHALLENGE WORDS:

21. Constitution
22. importance
23. Coriolis Effect
24. illustrator
25. investigator

I cannot believe how fast this year is going! We are already in the 6th full week of school! Fall is here and, October begins this week! Where does the time go!?

This week I have allowed students to begin taking Accelerated Reader tests. Some students are very motivated by this tool; others are not. I will not be setting personal goals for the students. They may set their own goals. Reading for enjoyment is not a chore. It should be fun. So if students enjoy the challenge of AR, I will celebrate that with them. For students who are not motivated by the AR program, we will talk about their independent reading books, and we will look for books that they are motivated to read for enjoyment.

Book orders are due this Tuesday, and picture day is Thursday. Friday is early release due to homecoming celebrations.