

Parent Communication from Fifth Grade

Math

5th grade math will continue 2018 with a focus on **fractions!** We are currently wrapping up Module 3: Adding and Subtracting Fractions with Unlike Denominators. Our next Eureka Module will focus on multiplying and dividing fractions. The fifth grade students continue to focus on solving multi-step word problems, and are showing great gains in their problem solving skills and math stamina. Moby Max is a big part of our math enrichment as well, and the fifth grade students continue to complete their home practice with great fidelity and dedication; students are advancing anywhere from half a year to almost two years with their Moby practice. We continue to explore math and show students that it is not all that scary!

Reading

Fifth grade reading students will be exploring the **biography** of Satchel Paige. We will then **compare and contrast** Satchel Paige's biography to another biography: Roberto Clemente. Key ideas will be identified, as well as the supporting details for the key ideas. Both men are great examples of our **theme**: Face Challenges. A written essay will end this biography unit as we demonstrate our writing skills by comparing and contrasting these two men. **Figurative language** studies are continuing and **idioms** will be a new addition to our lessons. **Folk Tales** will be a new genre added to our studies. **Academic vocabulary and fluency** will continue and practiced regularly. **Written responses** to test questions will continue as well as providing **supporting text evidence** to explain their thinking. **Speaking and listening skills** will continue to flourish through regular **group collaboration opportunities**.

Science

Students will learn about the human body, focusing on the various systems that help our body move and function. There will be an at-home project called "Mr. Bones" where students will correctly construct the human skeleton, labeling each bone as they go.

Social Studies

Students will learn about the United States Constitution and how our government was created and operates today. There will be an in-class project where students analyze the meaning of the constitution and demonstrate their knowledge through their own definitions and illustrations. We will also focus heavily on the process of a bill becoming a law.

We will continue to model and lead our "We are Park" motto... Prepared, Accountable, Responsible, Kind