

## Ms. LaCasse's Newsnotes

### WEEK IN REVIEW

Every week on Friday, I am amazed at how much we accomplish in such little time! We even had a half day on Wednesday, and still we accomplished so much. We also had a writing prompt to see how students are with their narrative writing. We will administer it again in the spring to see their growth!

### LANGUAGE ARTS

We have been really focused on finishing the writing narrative prompt, which took two of our writing periods. We will be continuing our typical writing next week. We kept working on Word Study as well this week. Students created their own word lists, which they will use next week to study for their spelling tests. They sorted their words and found new words to add to the lists! In reading, we have been working on how to take information from different mediums to learn about our nation, our government, and the upcoming election. We read a book about becoming President, and students had to infer and quote information from the text to identify five characteristics of a good President, three advantages of being President and three disadvantages of being President.

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## CELEBRATION STORY

I was SO proud of a student this week in math, especially on Friday. He was just rocking the Jeopardy game and trying his hardest to work as a team!

## MATH

Math has been rocking this week! We reviewed our math check in quiz on comparing last week and students were able to retake it. We also continued to learn how to add and subtract like fractions in word problems using the Read, Draw, Write concept. Students then learned how to find equivalent fractions using visual models so that they could

add unlike fractions. We finished the week with a game of Jeopardy and then students started to take the Mid-Module assessment.

## SCIENCE/SOCIAL STUDIES

What a great week for Social Studies! We are having a mock election next week here at the school, so we are learning all about our country's government. We learned about the President, what requirements you need to have to become President, what the three branches of government are and why we have them, and more. We even took a Google Earth tour around Washington, D.C. It was awesome! Students also learned how to use Google Classroom to finish a quick check– in quiz for me.

## DATES AND REMINDERS

- Check out our classroom website: <http://lacasse5thgrade.weebly.com/>
- Please remind students to dress warmly in the mornings. It is fall time!
- We are also still a peanut free classroom, please remember that.
- Book orders are due on 10/28/16
- GES K-Kids Fall Festival Fundraiser is on 10/29 at the Gazebo in town from 11 am to 1 pm. Come on by!
- There is no school on 11/10 or 11/11.
- Our Veteran's Day Celebration is on 11/8. Stay tuned for more info.