

Ms. LaCasse's Newsnotes

WEEK IN REVIEW

I apologize for not getting a news letter out in time last week. It was a week of pure craziness, as is every week I am beginning to think, so I was unable to do one. However, I will still tell the highlights from last week! Over the past week and a half, we have voted at the polls, had our First Quarter Celebration, had a STEM activity, celebrated Veteran's Day, had an author/illustrator visit, and report cards came out. When we are going through the motions, it does not seem like a lot, but when I look at how much we have done written down, it is mind boggling how much we accomplished! Way to go 5th Grade!

LANGUAGE ARTS

ELA has been an absolute joy over the past week and a half. We have been reading our story Because of Mr. Terupt and using that to help us identify interesting and important details to help us summarize better. We have also been learning intensely about the Presidential Election, combing through nonfiction articles, searching for important details and main ideas, and then rephrasing information in our own words. We have been learning about similes, went on a simile hunt, had our first word study assessment, and started to learn how to quote accurately from texts.

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CELEBRATION STORY

I have two celebration stories this week. One student took the initiative over the weekend to work on his Presidential Campaign Poster on his own time, and another student went home and worked on hers after school on Monday! The motivation and passion that these two students exhibited was amazing! Kudos to you kids!

MATH

We are still chugging along on learning about fractions, but students are finding the work to be way easier now that they have the basic understanding down. Students are learning how to change improper fractions to mixed numbers, how to add fractions to whole numbers, and subtract fractions from whole numbers using number lines, number

bonds, and tape diagrams. They are totally rocking math! If students ever need or want to do some practice at home, please have them go to www.zearn.org to practice their math skills. They have their usernames and passwords, and can practice their math for free at home!

SCIENCE/SOCIAL STUDIES

These past two weeks have been amazing for learning Social Studies. With the Presidential Election happening, what better time to talk about our country, the Electoral College, the three branches of government, campaigning, the issues of our country, and more. Students even created their own Presidential Campaign Poster using Google Slides on our Google Classroom. I cannot wait to continue our learning about our country over the next few months!

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
- There is no school on 11/10 or 11/11.
- Report cards come out today. Please contact me for a parent/teacher conference if you would like to schedule one.
- Early dismissal 11/23 and no school on 11/24 and 11/25.