

# Fifth Grade News

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Dear Parents,

We are very excited about all the great things happening at Caughman! We have chosen to share a few things going on in fifth grade through this newsletter. Please take a few moments to review what we will be working on with our students over the next couple of weeks.

As always, if you have any comments, questions, or concerns; feel free to contact us at 803-783-5534 or via teacher's email.

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## English Language Arts

In ELA our focus is on **Nonfiction**. Students are now focusing on reading nonfiction books and texts to build stamina. We are also digging deeper into nonfiction as we look at **Text Features** and **Text Structures**. Students are encouraged to read each night and discuss with their parents about what they are reading. As a reminder students are asked to respond to their reading nightly using a weekly Reading Log.

## Mathematics

The students are currently working on multiplying decimal, dividing decimals and fractions. Students are encourage to study their notes each night and ask questions if they do not understand a concept.

### What tips can I use to help my child? Be positive about math!

- Let your child know that everyone can learn math.
  - Let your child know that you think math is important and fun.
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## Upcoming Events

### December

- December 6: Field Trip
- December 19: Winter Concert
- December 20: Class Party
- December 20- January 2 – Winter Break

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- Point out the ways in which different family members use math in their jobs.
- Be positive about your own math abilities. Try to avoid saying "I was never good at math" or "I never liked math".
- Encourage your child to be persistent if a problem seems difficult.
- Praise your child when he or she makes an effort, and share in the excitement when he or she solves a problem or understands something for the first time.

### **Make math part of your child's day.**

- Point out to your child the many ways in which math is used in everyday activities.
- Encourage your child to tell or show you how he or she uses math in everyday life.
- Include your child in everyday activities that involve math – making purchases, measuring ingredients, counting out plates and utensils for dinner.
- Play games and do puzzles with your child that involve math. They may focus on direction or time, logic and reasoning, sorting, or estimating.
- Do math problems with your child for fun.
- In addition to math tools, such as a ruler and a calculator, use handy household objects, such as a measuring cup and containers of various shapes and sizes, when doing math with your child.

### **Social Studies**

In Social Studies our fifth graders are working on the Industrial Revolution. We will be exploring how new technology change the world and how discriminatory laws in the United States at that time and how the laws affect the rights of African Americans.

### **Science**

In Science, students are working on Landforms. Students will be learning about the effects of erosion, deposition and weathering. We will be conducting a variety of science experiments during this unit. It is important that students follow all safety rules during this process. If students are not following the rules they will not be able to participate.