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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.

English Language Arts

Students are now focusing on reading to build stamina. Students are encouraged to read each night and discuss with their parents about what they are reading.

Reading Strategies:

- Hold a conversation and discuss what your child has read. Ask your child probing questions about the book and connect the events to his or her own life. For example, say "I wonder why that girl did that?" or "How do you think he felt? Why?" and "So, what lesson can we learn here?".
 - Help your child make connections between what he or she reads and similar experiences he has felt, saw in a movie, or read in another book.
 - Help your child monitor his or her understanding. Teach her to continually ask herself whether she understands what she's reading.
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Upcoming Events

September

September 5: Open House 5:30-6:30 PM

September 9: Grandparents Day 8:00-10:00 AM

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- Help your child go back to the text to support his or her answers.
- Discuss the meanings of unknown words, both those he reads and those he hears.
- Read material in short sections, making sure your child understands each step of the way.
- Discuss what your child has learned from reading informational text such as a science or social studies book.

Mathematics

The students are currently working on order of operations and translating verbal phrases. It's imperative that students know their multiplication facts to be successful in fifth grade. Homework will be given each night in Math.

Social Studies

In Social Studies our fifth graders are starting our unit on Reconstruction. We will be learning about effects of slavery after the Civil War during the Reconstruction period. Students are encourage to read over their notes each night. Students will later be given information to use Social Studies Weekly online.

Science

In Science, students are working on Motion and Design. 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. Students will be given a Marble Roller Coaster project within the next two weeks to be completed. At this time, it would be a good ideal to do some research and prepare for the project.