

Fifth Grade Newsletter for the Week of April 1, 2024

Coming Events and Announcements

March 25th-29th: Spring Break- No School

April 8th-12th: CMAS Testing. Full schedule is attached at the end of this newsletter. If at all possible, please avoid scheduling appointments for your student during CMAS testing sessions.

April 15/16: Challenger Space Center Field Trip

April 17th: 5th Grade Concert 2:00pm.

Here's a look at the week ahead:

Spelling

We will enter List 22 and **test on the words of List 22 on Friday, April 5.**

Math

We will cover lessons 12-1 through 12-5, Monday through Friday.

History

We will begin our final History unit on the Civil War.

Science

In science we review concepts and question formats commonly seen on CMAS.

Literature

We begin the last literature book of the year, *Where the Red Fern Grows*, by Wilson Rawls.

Geography

We are now working on studying the Northeast, the test for which will take place on April 5th and the all 50 states/capitals test will be on May 1st. **Study early, study often.**

Poetry/Recitation

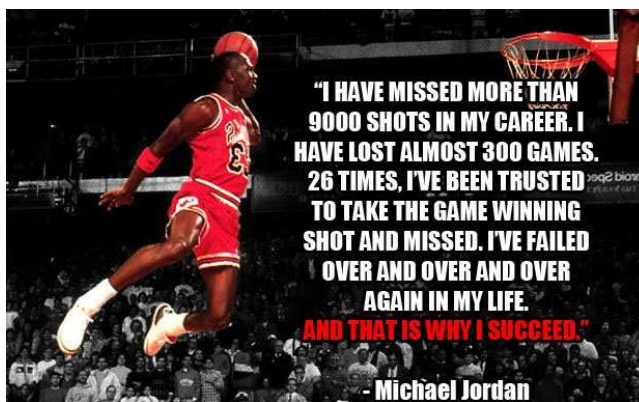
We will introduce the poem, *O Captain, My Captain*, by Walt Whitman. Recitation will be due the week of April 22. Copies of this and all poems are available on the website.

Character Corner

Our character focus for the month of April is on CREATIVITY. Two of the requirements to a creative spirit are the ability to take risk and the willingness to fail. In order to succeed on a grand scale, risks must be taken. Being unwilling to fail narrows your options to only the most mundane, safe paths. The artists and thinkers who exist today as household names, such as DaVinci, Galileo, or Beethoven, all achieved their fame by challenging the norm and failing many times over before reaching the pinnacle of their field.

How can you increase your capacity to overcome failure? Here are two ideas:

1. **Take risks:** Whatever you're doing, for example, drawing or brainstorming writing ideas, don't fear the unusual or untried. It may not make complete sense now, but who knows what it could lead to down the line.
2. **Embrace failure:** Every time you fail you learn something that doesn't work. Trial and error is one of the most effective ways to learn. You may fall flat on your face, but when you get up you are that much wiser and tougher.



FIFTH GRADE CMAS SCHEDULE

April 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8	9	10	11	12
10:30-11:50 5 th Math1	10:30-11:50 5 th Math2	10:30-11:50 5 th Math3	10:25-12:00 5 th Sci1	9:00-10:35 5 th Sci3
			1:30-3:05 5 th Sci2	
12:30-2:15 5 th ELA1	12:30-2:15 5 th ELA2	12:30-2:15 5 th ELA3		