

Fifth Grade Newsletter for the week of October 16, 2023

Upcoming Events

October 26th and November 2nd – Parent Spalding Class: a great opportunity to further your understanding of our spelling and phonics program. See attached flyer at the end of this newsletter.

November 10 – TCA Recitation of Gettysburg Address at Veterans Day assembly at North campus

November 17th – Explorer Day

Here's a look at the week ahead:

Spelling

We will enter List 3 and **test on the words of List 3 on Friday, October 20.**

Math

Lesson 4-1 through 4-5, Monday through Friday.

History

With a papal blessing, Spain began its aggressive campaign to explore and subdue the Western Hemisphere. Men, such as Cortes, Pizarro, Balboa, Coronado, and Magellan, claimed most of North and South America for Spain.

Science

We will begin our next unit on the functions and movements of energy and matter through different ecosystems. We will study the six processes of life, begin a project where we study the growth of individual plants in water, and learn how to use a triple beam balance.

Writing

We begin a new unit on writing an essay from a resource, beginning with an essay about the brilliant composer, Ludwig von Beethoven. We will focus on creating strong topic sentences and ensuring that we cite our sources of information.

Poetry Recitation

We will be practicing the third chunk of The Gettysburg Address. The first, second, and third parts (“Four score →...last full measure of devotion.”) will be due for recitation the week of October 23. **Practice early, practice often!**

Please see next page.

Literature

We begin our next literature book, My Side of the Mountain, by Jean Craighead George. In this classic tale of adventure and survival, Young Sam Gribbley runs away from home (with his parents' blessing, of course) to live off the land in the woods of the Catskills Mountains in upstate New York. In the process, he discovers as much about himself as he does about surviving a harsh New York winter living in a hollowed-out hemlock tree.

Character Corner

The character trait for the month of October is Self-Regulation. Behaviorally, self-regulation is the ability to act in your long-term best interest, consistent with your deepest values. Emotionally, self-regulation is the ability to calm yourself down when you are upset and cheer yourself up when you are down. (Source: Psychology Today, <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/anger-in-the-age-entitlement/201110/self-regulation>.)



Spalding for Parents Class

Thursday Evenings
October 26th and November 2nd
5 pm – 8 pm
TCA Central Campus
1655 Springs Crest Road

During this two-session class, you will learn phonograms, spelling rules, comprehension strategies, and ways to support your child in reading and writing.

The cost for the class is \$10. Please register at TCA's Pay School Events by October 20th.

<https://tinyurl.com/TCA-Parent-Spalding-Class> or



If fewer than 10 participants have registered for the class by October 20th, the class will be cancelled, and all money refunded.