

December 2, 2009

# Fifth Grade Flyer

Maxey Elementary/ 436-1153

## Special Interest Articles:

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December Birthdays

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- David S.-December 3
- Elise M.-December 4
- Ish K.-December 4
- Taylor B.-December 9
- Michael W.-December 15
- Miranda D.-December 16
- Makenna H.-December 24
- Chance W.-December 24
- Chris H.-December 29
- Sabian T.-December 30
- Aiden B.-December 31

## Mark your Calendars!

- December 8<sup>th</sup> .....Band Concert, 6:30 PM
- December 8<sup>th</sup> .....Chorus Concert, 7:15 PM
- December 15<sup>th</sup> .....PLC –Early Release
- December 17<sup>th</sup> .....Strings Concert, 7:00 PM
- December 21<sup>st</sup>-January 1<sup>st</sup> .....Holiday Break –No School
- January 15<sup>th</sup> .....End of Quarter 2

## Second Quarter Genre Projects

Students have been going to the media center and getting books for their next genre project. Mrs. Beechley's, Mrs. Zeff's, and Miss Setzer's classes are moving into biographies and autobiographies. Mrs. Maxwell's and Mrs. Schoening's classes will focus on award winners/honors. The biography project will be a campaign poster for the person that they are reading about. The award winner project will be creating an original award for the book. Please remember that if your child wants to exceed the standards on this objective, they may do an extra project. Have them present the idea to their classroom teacher for approval. This project will need to be completed by the end of the quarter.

## Outdoor Recess

BRRRR..... As the weather turns chilly, please remind your child to wear appropriate clothing. Wearing layers and bringing a jacket for outdoor recess is important. Students need jackets so that they can participate in our only outdoor recess of the day. It is also a great idea to label each article of clothing.

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*\*Best time to phone us  
is before/after school or  
during our plan time,  
2:25-3:15 PM.*

# ***The Curriculum Corner***

**Reading/Language Arts Theme-**We have wrapped up Theme 2 in reading and have started our next unit, “Voices of the Revolution”. This theme focuses on different individuals’ roles during the American Revolution. Our Tested strategy is summarizing. Skill work includes author’s viewpoint, cause and effect, and following directions. Grammar skills include subject/verb agreement, regular and irregular verbs, and adjectives.

**Writing-** Personal Narrative-We will be giving the district writing test on December 16 & 17.

**Social Studies-** In social studies, we will be reading about explorers and early European settlements.

**Math –** In math, chapter 6 centers on measurement. We are working on using customary and metric units of length, weight and capacity. We are also adding and subtracting these measurements. In chapter 7, we will be working on reading and interpreting double bar graphs and double line graphs. In chapter 8, we will work on determining the mean, median, mode and range from a set of data.

## **Math Fact Tests**

In math class, your child will be taking timed tests on the basic multiplication and division facts 0-10. A passing score is 45 out of 50 in three minutes. It would be beneficial to review and study these with your child at home. Understanding fact families helps students see the relationship between multiplication and division.

**Math Website:** <http://www.kidsnumbers.com/>

## **Vocabulary**

Attached to this newsletter you will find a list of vocabulary words for the third theme in Language Arts. In class, students are learning the definitions, synonyms and antonyms for these words. Please review these words with students over the next few weeks, as they will be tested over them at the end of the unit.

## **Thank you for your help!**

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers would like to thank all who have donated to the booster box. The kids are excited about the choices that they are given. As the weather turns colder, we are in need of Kleenex tissues. Thank you also for all of the wonderful parent volunteers that help us daily!