

THE FIFTH DIMENSION

5th Grade Newsletter PS/IS 30- December 2018

Greetings, 5th grade families! We can't believe it's already the end of 2018. We've been working hard these first few months—here's what the students will be working on in December.

- ELA (Program- EL) We are finishing up reading our novel, Esperanza Rising, and are working on writing a 5-paragraph essay on the characters.
- Math (standards-based lessons) - Students are starting to explore decimals, and learning how to add and subtract them.
- Science (Amplify) – Students are using their knowledge of the pattern of earth and sky to identify the missing piece of the artifact
- S.S (Program- Passports) We are studying the societies of early humans in the Western hemisphere. Our main question is: how did these humans adapt to their environment?

Upcoming Dates:

- ❖ December 11th: PTA Coffee with the Principal- 8:30 AM
- ❖ December 13th and 15th: School musical performance
- ❖ December 14th: Student of the Month Assembly
- ❖ December 18th: PTA Meeting- 5:30 PM
- ❖ December 24- January 1: No school (Winter Recess)

REMINDERS:

- All students who are not picked up on time during dismissal will be relocated to the auditorium, not the main office. Please use the main entrance to the school if coming to pick up a child after 2:30.
- Students are required, according to the uniform policy, to wear khakis (beige or navy blue colored). Leggings or pants of other colors do not comply with the uniform policy.
- Be on the lookout for middle school applications. We will be sending them home soon!

- Parent engagement takes place EVERY Tuesday from 2:30 to 3 PM! If you would like to set up an appointment, contact your child's teacher. We also welcome walk-ins!



CONGRATULATIONS 5th GRADE



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!

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LITERACY TIPS for FAMILIES!

- **Practice reading difficult text out loud.** Do this until your child no longer stumbles over words.
- **Read the same story or novel separately.** Then discuss it together.
- **Monitor independent reading choices.** Make sure your child is challenging themselves. Make sure they are transitioning from early reader books with only a few words on the page, to longer books with chapters.
- **Keep a running list of difficult vocabulary words and their meanings.** Include words your child is learning in other subjects such as science and social studies.
- **Play word games like Scrabble and hangman.** Or, find fun word games online.
- **Start to introduce informational materials.** Read items such as instructions, mail or maps together.
- **Read non-fiction articles in newspapers or online.** Discuss the difference between facts and opinions.

- **Encourage research.** When your child asks questions, ask them to think about where they might find the answer.

Tips courtesy of pta.org.