

# NOVEMBER

Dear Parents,

Now that most of our "Fabulous Fifth Graders" have the luxury of taking home their laptops, it is imperative that iReady is used to fidelity. We encourage our students to always put forth their best effort on the math iReady lessons. An overall score of 75% or higher indicates that they are mastering the concepts and are maintaining progress. iReady is an excellent program that will help prepare our students for the FSA using questions that are similar to the ones on the test. Therefore, we need your help to get your child "ready" for iReady each day!

We thank you for all that you do to support your child's education!

-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Team



## Mark your Calendars

November 12: Veteran's Day

November 14: Report Cards go home

November 15: Individual Picture Make-Ups

November 21-23 Thanksgiving Break



## Science

After wrapping our Weather in Specific Climates unit, we are changing gears and starting our unit on the various Earth Structures. The students will learn about different types of rocks, minerals and landforms through hands on activities, investigations, and experiments. They will record their observations, findings, and conclusions in their interactive journals.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Team

### Parent Teacher Conferences

We are looking forward to seeing and talking to many parents in the next coming weeks for parent teacher conferences. We thank you in advance for taking the time to discuss your child's progress with his or her teacher. Please remember to contact your child's teacher if you do not have a conference scheduled.



## Reading

This month we continue reading a range of high quality, increasingly challenging fiction and nonfiction texts. Your child will also be focusing on writing essays that are several paragraphs long. By devoting significant time and effort to producing numerous written pieces over short and extended timeframes throughout the quarter, he or she also will gain control over many conventions of grammar, usage, and punctuation as well as learn ways to make himself or herself understood. Invite your child to read his or her writing out loud to family members.

We encourage you to ask questions about your child's word choices and ideas.



## math

We are beginning to work with decimals in a variety of ways, including comparing, ordering, rounding, adding and subtracting them. As we're moving along, many fifth graders are still struggling with basic multiplication facts. We urge you to continue working with them to practice their multiplication facts at home in order to develop fluency. Many of the skills learned in division will be seen again in the future.

