

Dec. 15th-19th

This Week

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| Dec. 15 | 5th Grade Spelling Bee |
| Dec. 18th | Classroom Geography Bee |
| Dec. 19th | Bank Day, Class Parties, Early Release at 12:30 |

Upcoming Dates

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| Jan. 5th | 1st Day Back after Break |
| Jan. 16th | Bank Day |
| Jan. 19th | MLK Jr. Day: No School |
| Jan. 23rd | Report Cards go Home |
| Feb. 2nd | Apex Fun Run Campaign Begins |
| Feb. 13th | Valentines Parties |
| Feb. 16th | Presidents Day: No School |
| Feb. 20th | Progress Reports Go Home |
| Mar. 2nd-6th | Book Fair Week |
| Mar. 31st | Reading STAAR |
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Fifth Grade News

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Important Grade Level Notes

Operation Gratitude

A BIG thank you to those of you who helped your child donate items to Operation Gratitude. The soldiers stationed overseas will appreciate being remembered this holiday season!

A Note From the Nurse

Dear VRE Families,

There are a few very important things to remember that will help keep us all healthy.

1. WASH YOUR HANDS WITH SOAP AND WATER- before eating

- after using the restroom
- after sneezing or coughing on your hands
- as soon as you get home from school

(not limited to the above)

2. COUGH / SNEEZE INTO YOUR SLEEVE

do not use your hands to cover a cough and then touch and spread the germs everywhere you place your hands

3. STOP THE SPREAD.....STAY IN BED!!!

if your child is sick KEEP THEM HOME where you can monitor them and help prevent illness in the classroom.

Math STAAR Date

Change

TEA has announced that it will move the testing date for the STAAR mathematics assessments for grades 5 and 8 from March 30, 2015, to April 20, 2015.

Holiday Parties

5th grade will be having classroom parties on the 19th, and lunch in individual classrooms before dismissing at 12:30 (Pizza may be served, please watch for more information on this from your child's classroom teacher as the time gets closer). Party items are not needed, as students are instead asked to donate items for Operation Gratitude. They may wear pajamas and bring electronic devices if they wish. Teachers will contact room parents if anything else is needed.

Artsonia

Artsonia is an online portfolio of your child's artwork. Please activate your Artsonia accounts today to receive updates on your child's progress in the VRE art classroom. If you have not received an access code for your student, you may contact Mrs. Brothers at mbrothers@coppellisd.com. For more information, please visit Mrs. Brothers' VRE webpage.

5th Grade DVD Letter

A letter about the 5th grade Memories DVD is being emailed home to all parents. In the letter it states "We need your help!" This is a true statement....we DO need your help! Please begin searching for and sending in photos (electronically to the email listed in the letter) of your child in school related activities from Kindergarten until now. These photos will be used in the DVD and will be something for you and your child to look back on for years to come. Please contact the parents listed in the letter if you have any questions.

Winter Weather

It is officially the time of year for jeans, close toed shoes, and jackets! Please monitor weather conditions and make sure your child is coming to school dressed appropriately. Sandals, shorts, and t-shirts with no jacket are not appropriate for this time of year, and we keep children inside during recess if they are not dressed for the weather conditions.

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PBL Corner

Science: "I've Got the Power!"

Kick off Date: Dec. 17th

Driving Question: As fifth graders can we help to teach the concept of energy to younger students through song, rap, rhyme, or picture book which would better help younger students retain the information?

Project: Each group will Design a song, rap, rhyme, or picture book to teach the different forms of energy.

Due Date: TBA



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Curriculum This week

Reading/Language Arts

- Comprehension skill: Context Clues, Multiple Meaning Words, Cause/Effect, Fact/Opinion, Drama
- Figurative Language
- Content Vocabulary
- Expository Writing
- Read aloud time
- Journaling
- Blogging

Science

- I've Got the Power PBL
- Energy Stations
- Social Studies
- Early Colony Life
- Colony Regions

- Causes of the Revolution
- Tween Tribune

Math

- Fractions Post-Test
- Expressions and Equations Pre-Test
- Numerical Expressions
- Grouping in Expressions
- Holiday Math

Safety Patrol and Recycling Schedule:

Parents: please note that if your child has been chosen to be on Safety Patrol, they need to remember to be at school by 7:25 on the days they have duty. They will be helping unload cars in the morning in order to keep the car line moving. **December: Group 1 is on duty.**

Below is our 5th grade recycling schedule. This takes place during the school day.

Week of Dec. 17th: 5C Week of Jan. 5th: 5D Week of Jan. 12th: 5A

Specials Schedules

| | <u>Mon</u> | <u>Tues</u> | <u>Weds</u> | <u>Thurs</u> | <u>Fri</u> |
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| <u>5A</u> | PE | Art | PE | Music | Rotate |
| <u>5B</u> | Music | PE | Art | PE | Rotate |
| <u>5C</u> | Art | PE | Music | PE | Rotate |
| <u>5D</u> | PE | Music | PE | Art | Rotate |