



## Grades 3,4 & 5 Newsletter

### Term 2 Week 2 - 12/12

#### Social Studies

**3rd Grade:** We defined culture and explained the difference between culture and ethnicity. We described how culture groups form and how they express and share their cultures. We explained how culture affects schools and families in a community.

**4th Grade:** We compared physical features of the Southeast and the Northeast. We described how people in the Southeast have affected plants and animals in the region. We summarized how Native Americans used the natural resources of the Southeast in their daily lives.

**5th Grade:** We summarized the different goals of the British, the French, and Native American groups in their conflict over North America. We explained how the Iroquois were helpful to the British. We described how the French and Indian War changed British settlers' views of

#### English

**3rd Grade:** This week, we read the short story "The Skipping Shoes" by Louisa May Alcott (of *Little Women* fame.) We also read a couple of poems and practiced prepositions and contractions.

**4th Grade:** We read "The Omaha Tornado of 1913," an article on one of the US's most devastating storms. (According to my mother, my great grandmother lived through it!) We also reviewed prepositions and predicates.

**5th Grade:** We read "The Deliverers of their Country," a fantasy short story about dragons invading London. We also reviewed essay writing and practiced brainstorming and clustering ideas.

#### Math

**3rd Grade:** This week we have been working on number sentences and solving for variables using addition and subtraction.

**4th Grade:** This week we have been working on rounding to specific places values, and estimating sums and differences when rounding.

**5th Grade:** This week we worked on coordinate planes and starting working powers of ten and exponents.



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#### Science

**3rd Grade:** We defined and described matter. We identified physical properties of matter. We explained how physical properties can be useful.

**4th Grade:** We described the properties of sound energy. We explained how instruments produce sound waves. We recognized that loud sounds can be dangerous.

**5th Grade:** We demonstrated and described Earth's rotation. We explained the different phenomena that result from Earth's rotation.

#### World Language

**3rd Grade (French):** This week, we reviewed the verb "avoir", and usage of prepositions. We read a story about Eric and his friends playing at recess.

**3rd Grade (Spanish):** This week, we learned new vocabulary words "la casa" and we continued learning "la familia" and pronouns.

**4th Grade (Spanish):** This week, we learned new vocabulary: "la cocina", "las verduras". We continued reviewing "la familia" and pronouns.

**5th Grade (Spanish):** This week, students learned "la vida saludable" and present tense.

**5th Grade (French):** This week, we identified the articles "du, de la, de l' and des". We conjugated the verb "vouloir" in the present tense. We wrote a composition about our potential job in the future.

#### Computers

**3rd Grade:** We learned about Web Browsers and Search Engines.

**4th Grade:** We learned about Computer Programs and focussed on Scratch Programming.

**5th Grade:** We learned how to program the characters and make them jump on Kodu.