



Grades 3,4 & 5 Newsletter

Term 2 Week 3 - 12/19

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: Grade 3 reviewed an earlier reading, "Logging, Lumberjacks, and Paul Bunyan," which we will return to after the break. We also reviewed writing, especially prewriting strategies like brainstorm and clustering ideas. Students are looking forward to the upcoming break! See you next year!

4th Grade: Grade 4 read "Vivid Tales of the Storm," which is a firsthand account of the Omaha Tornado of 1913. We also reviewed plurals as the students look forward to the upcoming break! See you next year!

5th Grade: Grade 5 did some informational writing as practice for Creative Endeavors, which is coming up in 2026. We also reviewed plurals as the students look forward to the upcoming break! See you next year!

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): Enjoy your Winter Break! Bonnes Vacances et Bonne Année!

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): Enjoy your Winter Break! Bonnes Vacances et Bonne Année!

Computers

3rd Grade: We learned about generative AI .

4th Grade: We learned about Scratch basics, Adding Blocks and Running the program on Scratch

5th Grade: We learned about Adding Obstacles and Making Obstacles Disappear on KODU