

NOVEMBER Newsletter

GRADE 5

ELA:

We will continue exploring Unit 2 of our Open Court reading program, Cycles in Nature! Students will learn about the fascinating patterns and cycles that occur in the natural world. Through reading texts, students will explore how nature changes and how different cycles impact living things and our environment. We will continue to strengthen our reading comprehension skills by identifying main ideas and supporting details, using text evidence to support our thinking, and building our academic vocabulary. Students will also practice making connections between what they read and the world around them as they become thoughtful readers and curious scientists!
At Home: Ask your child to share something new they have learned about a cycle in nature. You might discuss the changing seasons, the water cycle, or the life cycles of plants and animals!
During our Green Band lessons, students will continue to strengthen their foundational reading skills. We will focus on decoding multisyllabic words, recognizing spelling patterns, building vocabulary, and improving reading fluency. These skills will help students become more confident, accurate, and fluent readers.



MATH:

In math we have finished Unit 1 on Volume, Expressions & Equations. In Unit 2 we will be adding and subtracting fractions with unlike denominators, using a variety of strategies to find common denominators. We will practice using clocks and money to help students find common denominators in order to compare, add, and subtract fractions, solve story problems, and learn about greatest common factors and least common multiples to simplify fractions. You can review how to add and subtract fractions with common denominators and ask them the differences insolving problems when fractions have unlike denominators.

SCIENCE:

In science we are continuing the study of ecosystems. We have been discussing and discovering how living andnon living things interact with their environment. Ask your child to identify an ecosystem.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:



- 11/ 3- Election Day
- 11/11- Veteran's Day
- 11/25-11/27 - Thanksgiving Break