

Ah-"Mason" Happenings in the Fifth Grade

Week of January 16-22



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Things to Know

Please consider donating Vienna sausages for
Snack Packs!

Upcoming Events:

- January 15th—Martin Luther King Holiday
- February 19th-23rd—Winter Break

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What We're Learning This Week

Reading, Language Arts, & Writing

This week we started our new novel, *Number the Stars*. Through the eyes of the main character, Annemarie, we will experience life in Denmark during World War II as the German soldiers work to relocate Jewish families. We will have a vocabulary test on January 19th. You will find a study guide in your child's Friday folder. Students will also continue to review previous skills and will be focusing on Greek and Latin roots. In writing, we will be reviewing the components of informational writing in preparation for our WriteScore Benchmark.

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We genuinely hope that each of you and your families had a wonderful and relaxing Christmas break. Also, thank you so much for showering us with gifts before the break. We are very appreciative!

Please remember the playground is always bitterly cold and very windy, and the temperature has not met the high for the day by the time we go out. We ask that you please make sure your child brings a warm jacket to school each day and is dressed in weather appropriate attire. The nurse has only a limited supply of jackets to borrow. Thank you!

Warm regards,
Fifth Grade Teachers

Math

Smith: We are working on adding and subtracting fractions.

McEntire: We are working on identifying solids and finding volume, as well as, reviewing previous skills. In addition, Mrs. Wilds' homeroom will be working on solving numerical expressions.

Science: Mrs. McEntire's students will continue their studies of classification. Mrs. Lo's classes will continue to obtain, evaluate, and communicate information showing that some characteristics of organisms are inherited and others are acquired.

Social Studies: We will continue our studies of World War II. This is a very long and in-depth unit. Please help your student routinely review and study the study guide in your child's Friday folder.