

# Ah-"Mason" Happenings in the Fifth Grade Week of September 4-8



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## Things to Know

### Upcoming Events:

- September 4<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day, No School
- September 8<sup>th</sup>, Grandparents' Day
- September 11<sup>th</sup>, Parent Academy
- September 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>: Fall Break, No School
- October 6<sup>th</sup>, PTO Fall Festival
- October 18<sup>th</sup>, 50's Dance for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

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## What We're Learning This Week

## Reading, Language Arts, & Writing

We will continue our focus on reading comprehension and fluency, as well as, figurative language through our novel, *The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg*. We will have a vocabulary test on September 8<sup>th</sup>. A study guide will be in your child's folder. In the event that you need a new copy of any study guide, please check our websites. They should be available for download. In writing, students are comparing and contrasting Harriet Beecher Stowe and Harriet Tubman. Students will begin writing a compare/contrast essay, will work together to peer edit, and should have a finished product by the end of next week.

Dear Parents,

We would like to invite you to attend our fall Parent Academy night on Monday, September 11, 2017 at 6:00. At this meeting, we will discuss a skill that has been identified as a priority and provide you with data specific to your child's performance. We will provide you with materials and suggestions you can use at home to help your child continue to grow academically. The meeting is expected to last approximately 30-45 minutes, and childcare will be provided.

In addition, the information you will receive will enable you to better understand your child's academic performance and give you the information needed for you and your child to set an academic goal for the 2017-2018 school year. We hope you can attend, and we look forward to seeing you.

Thank you,  
Fifth Grade Teachers

## Math

**Smith and Wilds:** We are working on division and will begin larger digit division with two digit divisors. Through models, decomposing, and the algorithm, we will work to solve these larger digit problems. Please continue to work on multiplication facts at home.

**McEntire's Homeroom:** We will continue working on dividing by one digit divisors.

**Science: McEntire:** We are continuing our studies of cells and will be modeling them with a variety of materials.

**Lo:** Students will present their research on microbes. Students will formulate their own answers to the question: how do microbes impact other living things?

**Social Studies: Wilds:** Students completed their research of important people and will continue to deepen their understandings of the Civil War. **Students will test on September 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Lo:** Students will review various Civil War key terms and will focus on the economies of the North and South. **Students will test on September 13<sup>th</sup>.**