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Upcoming Events

- **Friday December 1, 2023** - 2 Hour Early Dismissal - Mid Term
- **Monday, December 25 - Monday, January 1** - No School for Winter Break
- **Tuesday, January 2** - Schools Reopen

CURRICULUM UPDATES

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Reading: Students are diving into Module 4 and will be focusing on informational texts surrounding the topic of westward expansion. Using these informational texts, students will be able to answer the essential question, "What character traits were needed in people who settled the West?" Among the resources, we will be viewing videos and reading a variety of texts, including historical fiction and a magazine article. Some of the skills we will be working to build include identifying central ideas, text structure, and author's craft techniques to better understand unfamiliar texts. Check out the [Module 4's Family Newsletter](#) for different ways to connect at home!

Writing: We are going to be writing a letter to a historical society. Our writing for this module will correlate with our reading about journeying west during the 1800's. Your student will learn about the components of a letter, information to include in a letter, and also what a historical society is! We will be able to relate our writing to our reading this month by using our knowledge gained from the reading to apply in our questions for our writing! Continue the conversation at home by asking your child about their letter: what question did they choose to write about, what have they discussed in reading so far?

MATH

In Math, students will continue to deepen their understanding of decimals and place value. Students will add decimals to the hundredths place using a variety of strategies and will explain their reasoning used to add decimals. Students will also subtract decimals to the hundredths place using a variety of strategies and will explain their reasoning used to subtract decimals. Students will also add and subtract two fractions or mixed numbers with unlike denominators using only fractions with denominators of 2, 4, 5, 8 or 10. Students will use benchmark fractions and number sense of fractions to estimate mentally and assess the reasonableness of answers in real world problems. Connect with your student's at home by having them cook and measure with you! This will help familiarize them with fractions.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Social Studies will be taught during Quarter 3 and Quarter 4.

SCIENCE

We are headed to space! This month, students will learn about Earth's place in the universe, what exists in space, and what we can see in space from Earth. Additionally, we will explore the sun and other stars and discuss their brightness in relationship to their distance from Earth. Lastly, students will learn about Earth's rotation and Earth's revolution about the sun. Please check out the [ESSL Student Website](#) for at home science fun!

PATHs UPDATES

Good Study Skills:

In the upcoming units, we will be focusing on four study skills. These skills are to help people learn and grow as individuals. They are important skills to develop for success in all areas of life.

1. **Good listening:** look at the speaker, pay attention, ignore distractions, and ask

questions if you don't understand the subject

2. **Recording assignments accurately:** notes are readable and understandable (Can I explain them to someone else?), pay attention
3. **Being organized:** Do I know what to do? Do I know what I need? Do I know where to find my things?
4. **Planning ahead:** When and where do I do my homework? Do I need help? Am I ready?

The Fifth Grade Team thanks you for your support and involvement in your child's educational journey. We have had a great month of learning and growing and look forward to a delightful December at Twin Ridge!