



Twin Ridge Elementary

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Calendar Reminders:

- Tuesday February 16, 2024 - 2 Hour Early Dismissal Mid Term
- Tuesday February 16, 2024 - Pfeiffer and Malone Outdoor School\
- Monday February 19, 2024 - No School Presidents Day

CURRICULUM UPDATES

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Reading: During module 7, our class will build their knowledge about exploration, with a focus on the autobiography genre. We will read texts and view videos about important discoveries people have made on land, in the oceans, and in space. At the end of the month we will begin Module 6. Our students will build their knowledge about different art forms, with a focus on the biography genre. We will read texts and view videos about how different art forms impact people in different ways.

Writing: Our focus will be about writing an informational research report. Students will choose a topic and prepare information about that topic to share in their writing. We will be exploring how to find quality sources and how to give credit to sources used during research. During Module 6, our focus is on creating personal narratives of a "small moment" in our lives. Students will be working on using

dialogue, descriptive language, settings, and plot development to craft an interesting and creative short writing piece.

MATH

We will interpret a fraction as division of the numerator by the denominator ($a/b = a \div b$). Solve word problems involving division of whole numbers leading to answers in the form of fractions or mixed numbers. Students will apply and extend previous understandings of multiplication to multiply a fraction or a whole number by a fraction by interpreting the product $(a/b) \times q$ as a parts of a partition of q into b equal parts; equivalently, as the result of a sequence of operations $a \times q \div b$. (For example, use a visual fraction model to show $\frac{2}{3} \times 4 = \frac{8}{3}$ and create a story context for this equation and do the same for $\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{4}{5}$). Students will find the area of a rectangle with fractional side lengths by tiling it with unit squares of the appropriate unit fraction side lengths, and show that the area is the same as would be found by multiplying side lengths and multiply fractional side lengths to find areas of rectangles, and represent fraction products as rectangular areas.

SOCIAL STUDIES

We are excited to begin our first Social Studies Unit. Quarter 3 Social Studies will begin with our unit on the Development of American Government (1777-1789). In this unit students will be reviewing the reasons for the War for Independence. Students will also examine the successes and failures of the Articles of Confederation. We will study the Preamble to the Constitution and explore the three branches of government.

PATHs UPDATES

Making Good Choices:

We will also be working with our 5th graders to identify the importance of making good choices.

We will work on the following learning targets:

- Learn how to distinguish between a healthy group and an unhealthy group
- Illustrate and discuss the issue of bullying
- Encourage one another to join healthy groups, not gangs or crews

Reminder

Students are encouraged to work on Lexia (Language Arts) and I-Ready (Math) computer based assignments at home for extra practice. Thank you for encouraging your child to spend some time on these programs throughout the week! Students can access iReady and Lexia at home using this link: <https://edu.fcps.org/tres/media>

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 Joyful January at Twin Ridge!