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Calendar Reminders:

- MISA Testing
 - Tuesday, March 5, afternoon
 - Friday, March 8, afternoon
- MCAP Testing
 - Monday, April 15, afternoon
 - Friday, April 19, afternoon
 - Monday, April 22, afternoon
 - Friday, April 26, afternoon
 - Monday April 29, afternoon
 - Thursday, May 9th, morning
 - Monday, May 13, afternoon
- March 21, 2024 - ESSL Field Trip
- March 22, 2024 - No School End of Term
- March 26, 2024 - April 7, 2024 No School - Spring Break

CURRICULUM UPDATES

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Reading: During module 6, our class 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. Children will also write an expository essay telling how different art forms have impacted people's lives. Please check out our Module 6 Family Newsletter to see how you can support your student at home!

Writing: We will be focusing 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 deepen our understanding of fractions. Students will represent real-world problems involving multiplication of fractions and mixed numbers using visual models. Students will discuss how visual models and equations represent and can be used to solve real-world problems. As we move towards the end of Unit 3, students will identify situations that involve dividing a unit fraction by a whole number, identify situations that involve dividing a whole number by a unit fraction and use a visual fraction model to find the quotient of a unit fraction divided by a whole number or the quotient of a whole number divided by a unit fraction. Students will also discuss the relationship between multiplication and division. As we end Unit 3, students will represent and solve real-world problems involving division of unit fractions by whole numbers using visual fraction models and equations. We will also discuss how to represent and solve real-world problems involving division of unit fractions and whole numbers and explain in writing how a multiplication equation can be used to check a division equation.

SOCIAL STUDIES

We will continue to discuss the Development of the 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. As we move into unit 2, students will explore the compelling question, "How did the United States and the lives of people change as a result of the Civil War?" The unit begins by looking at the economies and cultures in the North, South and in Maryland, as well as the role slavery played in each region ultimately leading to the Civil War. Then students will evaluate the effects of the Civil War by looking at its economic, social and political. Finally, students will explore how the post Civil War Industrial Revolution impacted the lives of people and how Maryland contributed to the growth of the nation as a hub for industry and transportation.

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!