



5th Grade Unit Newsletter November 2018

Calendar Dates

November 2- NED Assembly (purchase yoyos Nov. 2, 5, 6 after school) 9:00am

November 3- Middle School Musical performance for students 1:15 pm

November 8- Hilarie to Kohler Art Museum

November 13- Heather & Karen to Kohler Art Museum

November 16- 1:00 Early Release;

Hat Day to support Sting Cancer (bring \$1 to wear a hat)

November 20- Friday Schedule

November 22-23- **No School**

Math

In unit 2, students add and subtract fractions with unlike denominators, using a variety of strategies to find common denominators. In Module 1, money and clocks serve to help students find common denominators in order to compare, add, and subtract fractions. In Module 2, students are introduced to the use of double number lines and tables to rewrite fractions with common denominators. In Module 3, they extend these strategies and models to solving a variety of story problems, and make generalizations about finding common denominators. Module 4 gives students more practice with greatest common factors and least common multiples as they find common denominators and learn to simplify fractions.

****Please make sure your child has all the multiplication facts completely memorized.**

<https://www.mathlearningcenter.org/families/bridges2>

Nonfiction Reading

We have just begun our new Reading unit on Nonfiction. Your child is learning that now that they are 5th graders, they can read more complex nonfiction texts where the main ideas of each section are *implicit*. Ask your child what that means! We have had a lot of fun so far reading new classroom high interest nonfiction books and soon each student will be writing their own complex nonfiction text.

Writing

The 5th graders are close to concluding their Personal Narrative writing unit. All students are busy editing and publishing their stories. The teachers are amazed by all the creative details and figurative language they are using now that they are mature 5th grade writers. Students are utilizing dictionaries, thesauruses, and all the resources they have been given to keep in their writing folder. Students are "zooming" into each part of their editing checklist to make sure they have written the best personal narrative they can! We can't wait to share them with you.

Middle School Musical

This year's middle school will be performing the musical, Lady Pirates of the Caribbean. The school performance will be on Wednesday, November 7 at 1:15. Students are invited to dress as a pirate on this day! There will also be performances on Friday, Nov. 9 at 6:30 pm and Saturday, Nov. 10 at 2:00 pm.

Kohler Art Museum

By Lucy Balsley

On Thursday, November 8, Hilarie's class will be attending the John Michael Kohler Art Center. Heather and Karen's class will go on Tuesday, November 13. Fifth grade students throughout the state of Wisconsin can apply to go to this event for free. This field trip comes from the generous support from the Kohler Trust for the Arts and Education. This funding offers an opportunity for students to have a great learning experience while getting to tour the art museum. The exhibit we will see is called "Unseen Forces."

Hilarie attended this event with her son 11 years ago. She tells us, "This trip was a blast. This is a lovely museum that's not too far away. They provided great learning experiences in art too. It should be fun!"

NED Performance

By Jeo Jimenez

On Friday, November 2nd, the students in Grades K-5 experienced the N.E.D program. NED is a growth mindset program. A character named NED has to find his mindset. NED is short for Never give up; Encourage others; Do your best. Our school is one of about 6,000 schools N.E.D visits. Every time they do, they perform for 45 minutes. The program is filled with humor, puppetry, storytelling, yo-yo and magic tricks.

There will be yo-yo's for sale in the school store all of next week. The cost is \$8.00-\$15.00, depending on the type. Hopefully, we'll see many Aldo students using their growth mindset to create cool tricks!

Morning Meeting

By Sophia Finn

Morning meeting is a special time in Hilarie's room at the beginning of the day . First, we all sit on the edges of the carpet and begin with a reflection for meditation. We begin our meditation by reflecting on this goal. When the bell rings, we all close or lower our eyes. When the bell rings again, we all open our eyes. Sometimes we talk about the goal. Other days, we get ready for the day's announcements.

Zoe adds, "I appreciate the morning meeting because she likes the meditation. It's peaceful and quiet."