

Hayfield Hawkette

Third Quarter Edition

2012

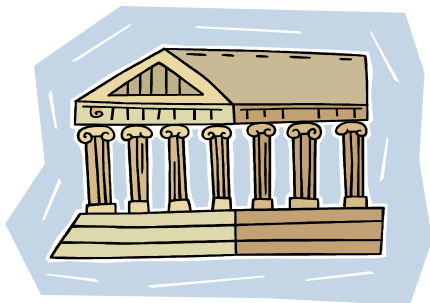
Fifth Grade Newsletter

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOM

SOL UPDATE: February 1 is the beginning of the third grading period. During the month of February, the fifth grade students will prepare for their upcoming English: Writing SOL tests, which will be administered in March. Throughout the month, students will be provided with writing prompts similar to those they will see on the test itself and will review test taking skills. The SOL released items from previous years will also be reviewed so that the students will become familiar with the type of questions that will be asked on the multiple choice portion of the writing test. Although the English: Writing tests will be given in March, the tests in other content areas such as math, reading, and science will be given in May/June. If you would like to have your student do additional practice at home to prepare, you can visit our Hayfield Elementary School homepage and click on the Student Resources button. There you will find many wonderful websites to help your child review for all their SOL tests.

CURRICULUM CORNER

Social Studies: POS Units on Ancient Greece will be taught. In conjunction with the POS units of study, the fifth graders will integrate presidents in honor of the President's Day Holiday and famous African-Americans and their achievements for African-American History Month. We will also continue preparations for our Global Awareness Project that we will begin in mid-March.



Science: The elementary science unit on Light and Sound will be taught this quarter. SOL review materials on science concepts and topics will also be included to prepare for the upcoming SOL test in May.

Math: Students will be learning about geometric shapes including plane figures, solid figures, and circles. They will learn how to find perimeter, area, and volume of plane and solid figures and will also learn how to find the measure of angles, identifying angles as acute, obtuse, right, or straight.



Health: A POS unit on nutrition will be introduced. Students will learn the connection between making healthy food choices by learning strategies for validating health information on food labels and food advertisements.

Language Arts: We will continue reading lessons with novel units, anthology texts, and content trade books. Independent reading assignments focusing on various literature genres will also be included. Grammar and spelling mini-lessons will accompany writing prompts. The word processing programs will be utilized with student writing. Poetry lessons will be integrated within the writing workshop.



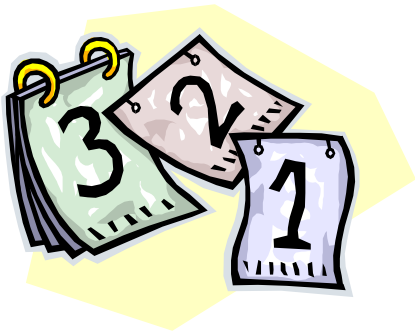
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DATES TO REMEMBER...

- Feb 1 Third grading period begins!
- Feb 9 Progress Reports Go Home
- Feb 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb 14 Winter Concert: Beginning Band/
Recorder Masters
- Feb 20 President's Day- No School
- Mar 1 Interims Sent Home
- Mar 6 SOL Test – English: Multiple Choice
- Mar 7 SOL Test – Direct Writing (Prompt)
- Mar 30 Last Day of the Third Quarter

