



Monday Update: April 23

Math: This week we begin our review for the Math SOL test, which will be given in two parts, on May 17 (no calculator) and May 18. Homework will be focusing on review activities that have students practicing skills already taught!

The Math tab on our blog has a LOT of great resources for practicing specific concepts, as well as some SOL practice sites with released VDOE test items :)

Science:

This week are studying Matter (SOL 5.4) which review the states of matter and how the addition and removal of heat can change the states of matter, in addition to combining atoms of different elements to create new compounds, beyond simple mixtures and solutions. We will start using our Science SOL Study Contract this week! **Please be sure that your child completes this contract NIGHTLY!** Reviewing content taught over the past two years is a **HUGE** task, but we have broken it down into smaller, manageable chunks. Don't let your child fall behind! They are welcome to work ahead in order to accommodate after-school practices, games, or other family commitments! Check out the Science tab on the blog for some great, well organized review sites!!

Language Arts: We have begun SOL Survivor as we work to review material from the year! Your student should still work on their Study Island contracts. Students are expected to complete online “quizzes” to help them see where they are within different topics. Can’t believe we are already reviewing- thank you for your support! **Please remind your student to come to school with their game face on, ready to review! We need to use our time wisely and minimize instruction!**

As always, please encourage your child to read and to find books they are interested in! They can be working on their reading challenges!

Social Studies: Once we have finished up our last Midwest projects, it will be time to move on to the Southwest Region. This region only has 4 states! The kids are really excited to study this region! :) Remember: those Northeast, Southeast, and Midwest states have NOT gone away! Keep pulling out those notes and flashcards! Eventually our fifth graders will be asked know ***all*** 50 states and capitals!!

Important Announcements:

- Have you ordered your 5th grader’s Yearbook yet? **Orders are due by the end of April! Please do this soon!** 5th grade is a great year to get this keepsake! Extras will NOT be ordered this year!! Email yearbook@elespta.com with any questions!
- **Please return your Legacy Garden rocks- they are due on Thursday April 26!**
- Please continue to check PowerSchool regularly with your child. Don’t forget to click *each* subject’s grade, then look for the “missing” symbol ()to

know if an assignment has not been completed! Here is a link with directions for setting up your parent portal on PowerSchool!

<http://henricoschools.us/powerschool/>