



Monday Update: May 14

Math: **Math Review continues!**

This week we finish up with a mock Day 1 and Day 2 test, a look at some sample TEI (Technology Enhanced Item) questions, and a peek at the various online tools available, like the online ruler, protractor, calculator (for Day 2 only), and highlighting, X out, and pencil tool. I will also make sure students know what materials they can have with them on test day, such as graph paper, a colored pencil, highlighter, etc. Please remind your child of the formulas (area and volume, KHDMDCM metric mnemonic), steps for solving fractions or decimals (changing fractions to decimals, lining up decimals for add/subtract, counting decimals for multiplying, etc.), and word problem “key words.” Perhaps go through their well loved and battered Math Spiral with them and use that as a study guide with them! Ask them about vocabulary words like mean, median, mode, and range, or isosceles and scalene! Can they tell you the difference between a rhombus and a parallelogram?

Science: This week’s focus is largely on Math, but we will be touching on both 4th and 5th grade concepts daily to be sure all students are keeping up with their review at home! At this point they should have spent at least 20 minutes reviewing ALL 4th and 5th grade concepts, except the solar system (which we have

covered pretty extensively in class) and the moon phases, and the abstract 5.4 matter concepts, which we continue to work on.

Again, **please be sure that your child completes their study contract NIGHTLY!** Don't let them 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:

Word Study is due next Tuesday- your student will have time in school to complete! They have a Reading Study Guide due Thursday- many are done, and if not, they need to focus on this as they haven't used class time wisely!

After SOLS, we will work on novel studies and other fun projects!!

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: By the end of this week we hope to be starting our final region of the United States: the West! There are 11 states in the West, including Alaska and Hawaii. Remember: those Northeast, Southeast, Midwest, and Southwest states have NOT gone away! Keep pulling out those notes and flashcards! Before the end of the year, our fifth

graders will be asked know all 50 states and capitals!! Miss Pastore's class has a quiz on SW states and capitals on Wednesday!

Important Announcements:

- Math SOL - Thursday, May 17 & Friday, May 18
- Science SOL - Wednesday, May 23
- 5th grade Awards Assembly - June 14th at 8:30am
- 5th grade Party - June 14th 2:30-4:30pm
- Movin' Up Assembly - June 15 (9:00 or 9:30am, stay tuned!)
- 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!

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