



Monday Update: May 21

Math: After successfully finishing our Math SOL, we will pause on the math in order to focus more fully on the Science review! There are some math concepts that can appear on the Science SOL, as math and science are so closely tied - metric measurement tools, temperature measures for freezing and boiling, reading and interpreting graphs, etc. Some maps will even ask students to calculate changes over time, like the growth of a river delta, using a map scale or ruler. Once we complete the Science SOL, we will return to math in order to finish up some loose ends before the end of the year - only 4 weeks to go until you have an official middle schooler!

Science: This week's focus is review, review, review! With last Friday's unexpected flooding, our Science SOL is now scheduled for Wednesday, May 30. This means that we have been gifted a whole extra week to ensure that every student knows their content thoroughly! Once the science study contract runs out, we will start a Quizlet Contract :) This will only last for 3 days, but students typically really enjoy the activities that can be found on Quizlet! This site will be most helpful to your student in middle school as a study and review tool, so now is a wonderful time to become familiar with it, if you have never used it before!

Again, please be sure that your child completes their study contract NIGHTLY! Don't let them fall behind! If they missed a night or a topic, it's time to catch up! 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 Wednesday (THIS IS A CHANGE)- your student will have time in school to complete! They have a Reading Study Guide due Wednesday (THIS IS A CHANGE)- many are done, and if not, they need to focus on this as they haven't used class time wisely! It is ten points off each day it's late!

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!!

Important Announcements:

- Science SOL - Wednesday, May 30
- 5th grade Awards Assembly - June 14th at 8:30am
- 5th grade Party - June 14th 2:30-4:30pm (BRING IN PERMISSION SLIPS!)
- 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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