January 2011
FIFTH GRADE NEWS

- On January 20th we will be headed to the Delta College Planetarium for a science presentation about the stars. Please make sure your child's permission slip and $1.00 to help cover the field trip cost is turned in to their home room teacher. Unfortunately, for safety reasons, without a permission slip your son/daughter will not be allowed to attend.
- It is time for **Parent Teacher Conferences** again. The dates are Monday, Jan. 31 and Tuesday, Feb. 1 from 3:30-6:30. **The January 31 date is a change!** Please fill out the bottom of the newsletter and return to your child's teacher.
  If your son/daughter sees Ms. Stachowiak for help please try to sign up for a Monday conference.
- Please save and send in Campbell's soup labels and Box Tops to your student's classroom. The school is collecting them to receive school supplies.

Math:

Your student should be bringing home a Student Reference Book (SRB) and their math journal workbook every day. The reference book will give you examples to help your child finish their assignment. Every night the students will have math homework to complete. The best way to do well in math is to check over your child's homework. If you have the internet at home during the cold months is a good time to tune up your student's math skills. Try this website: http://www.nctm.org/resources/content.aspx?id=24049

Science:

We anxiously, are waiting our next science kit to be delivered. In the meantime we have been covering many science topics in our Daily Science.

Social Studies

We have just begun learning about the Native Americans that lived in North America. Once we finish learning a bit more about them, we will be doing a research project on one tribe. Information will come home once we are ready to begin.

Reading

Students continue to work on reading independently. If you ask them, they should be able to tell you how to use context clues to figure out a word, and also what inferencing is. In writing, we just finished grading our own writing piece on Special Place. You should have seen that come home. Your child was responsible for grading themselves on the rubric of what's expected (with a little guidance). Every student now knows what goals to work on for their next writing assignment, which is on Cooperation.

Thanks—Mrs. Kraut , Mrs. Dine, Ms. Stachowiak, and Mrs. Trogan

If you have any questions please email, send a note in your child's planner, or call.
A friendly reminder to check and sign your child's planner daily to see what is happening in Fifth Grade.

Please cut on the line and return the bottom portion to your child's teacher. Thank you!
I have read the above newsletter and I am aware of what is going on in Fifth Grade.

_____Parent Signature _____Student

I am available for a conference on _____at_____.
Date Time

Parent Teacher Conference times will be assigned on first come first serve basis.
We will do our best to accommodate you and send home a confirmation in your child's planner.