

5-2 UPDATE

11-9-15

Though most communication is done via the class website, I also like to send home a hard copy of some things going on in the class as another way to make sure communication is alive and well! Please take a few minutes to update yourself with class happenings.

SCHOOLWIDE READING

We continue with our exploration of Non-Fiction and how to tackle its unique style.

This Wednesday, we will take an assessment looking at some of these unique pieces that make up this genre.



PICTURE RETAKES

THIS TUESDAY! LAST CHANCE FOR A RETAKE/YEARBOOK PIC!



PERSONAL NARRATIVES

As we wrap up our first writing unit of the year, the students have been working on a final, polished copy of a personal story. They have worked carefully through the steps of writing, revising, peer revising, and editing, in order to have a final draft ready for your eyes come conference time.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR UNIT

We have taken careful time over the past few weeks to look at how the English Colonies ended up in a war with their mother country. Last week, we specifically took the time to look at The Declaration of Independence, and what a big step it was.

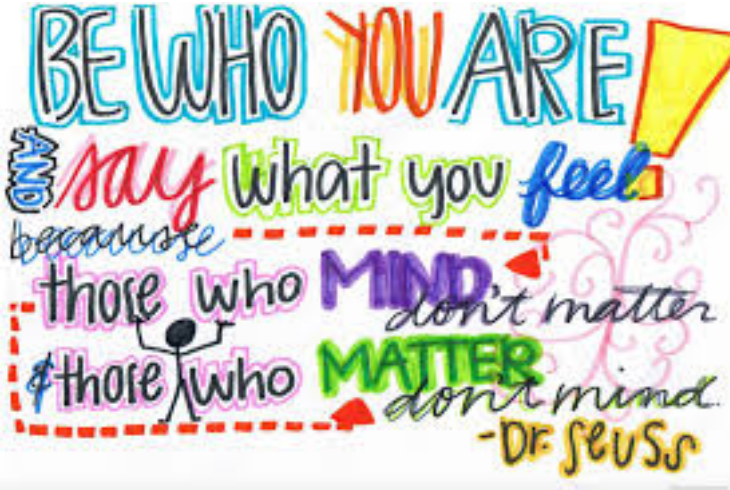
We discussed and debated how the choice to stand behind it would not have been an easy one, and how many sides could be understood.

This week, as we proceed, we will be doing a re-enactment of the *Battle of Bunker Hill*, a very important battle for the Continental Army. Weather permitting, we will “battle” the afternoon of Veterans’ Day.





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AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!

With “shillings” now taking over the 5th grade, they only have real value if they can be used. We will be having regular classroom auctions in which students can use their shillings to purchase items of their liking.

I am always on the lookout for new items to add to the auction block. This is a great opportunity to clean out the old (lightly used) from the house, and allow it to be put to good use!

Send in your goodies with your young colonist, and see what they come home with!



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

As I’d stated back in September at curriculum night, I see this 5th grade journey as needing a partnership in order for it to be most successful. Parent/Teacher conferences are one way of being able to check in and make sure that all is happening to ensure success this year!

This first round I find is the most important. Fifth grade often comes with a bit of a learning curve and for many, the first progress report is that first real reality check. Whether it is a reaffirming of the hard work they’ve been putting in, or a bit more of a wake up call, it is a perfect time for reflection.

If you haven’t yet done so, make sure to sign up for a time to come in on either November 23 or 24th. I’ll be prepared to share some thoughts and insights from what has been happening at school. We’ll discuss the progress report, look over some reflections from your child, and discuss any other questions you might have. I also love to get some insight into what I might not already know about your child. The better picture I have of what makes your child tick, the better I can be!

I do look forward to sitting down and spending a little time sharing about the progress of your young one! Look for signups online

HALLOWEEN 2015

As predicted, a fantastic time was had by our 5th graders! A big thanks to all parents coming in to help. I’d begin naming them here, but fear leaving anybody out...so many! Thanks, all!