

PARENT INVOLVEMENT GUIDE

Week of October 30, 2023

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Notes & Reminders:

- **Snacks:** Students are allowed to bring a small, healthy snack to school to eat in the mid-morning hours. They are also encouraged to bring plain water. **Please do not send anything with nuts or nut butters. We have students at the school with severe, life-threatening allergies.**
- **Jeans:** Students may wear jeans on Fridays with a school shirt. The jeans must follow the district dress-code.
- **Fluency Folder:** Please remember to work with your child to complete their fluency practice at home for the week. Fluency folders have the passage they need for their timed readings and comprehension questions. Instructions for completion are also in the folders.
- **Parent Google Classroom** - Join our parent google classroom using code **a77jxnk**.
- **Upcoming Dates:**
 - **October 31** - Trunk-or-Treat - Students may wear a Halloween, orange, or black shirt with jeans
 - **November 1** - No School
 - **November 14** - Picture Retakes
 - **November 20-24** - Thanksgiving Holidays - No School

Math:

- This week we will complete Module 2: Addition and Subtraction with Fractions. We will complete lesson 17. We will solve problems by equally redistributing a total amount.
- The students received the test review last week and should complete the assigned portions each night for homework.
- The students will have a quiz on **Tuesday, October 31** on Module 2 Lessons 14-17. We will then review for our Module 2 End-of-Module test, which will be on **Friday, November 3**.
- Students should continue to practice their multiplication facts daily. (Ex: <https://www.factmonster.com/math/flashcards>)

Science:

- This week we will continue Module 2: Ecosystems. We will focus on making a claim about how animals use matter from the environment (Lesson 8), modeling the movement of matter in the environment from plants to animals (Lesson 9), and making a claim supported by evidence about how mold grows (Lesson 10).
- The students will have a quiz **next Thursday, November 9** on Module 2 Lessons 8-11. They will also have a test **next Friday, November 10**, which will cover Module 2 Lessons 1-11.
- The students have received their Module 2 Notes Sheet. It is their responsibility to participate in investigations and class discussions to fill in the missing information. It will be checked throughout the module.
- *In-class assignments may be taken for a formative grade throughout our science curriculum.*

ELA:

- This week the students will begin composing their culminating writing task. The writing prompt is: How do the lessons that Omakayas learns in each season reveal the theme of the novel? Students will use previous SPOs to begin composing the writing. We will also engage in peer conferencing. This writing will be due **next Monday, November 6** and will count for 50% of a summative grade; the other half of their grade will come from The Birchbark House Culminating Assessment that the students will complete **next Tuesday, November 7**.
- On Wednesday, November 8, we will begin our new Guidebook Unit: The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe. This unit is based on the novel, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis and a series of related literary and informational texts. We will explore the central question: How can people understand the same experiences differently? At the end of the unit, The students will express their understanding by composing a narrative that retells a key scene from the novel from a first person's point of view.
- We will continue implementing flex groups with all 5th grade classes.
- *In-class assignments may be taken for a formative grade throughout our ELA curriculum.*

Social Studies:

- The students will continue to be introduced to our new social studies curriculum. This week we will continue with Chapter 1: Medieval Europe. The students received a notes sheet that will be used to record learning as we go through the chapters.
- Through this new curriculum, we will be using a Student Reader. These books will be in a clear envelope along with the Studies Weekly articles. These materials must come back to school every day.

Gators' Golden Rule #2:

No matter the circumstances, always be honest.