

# PARENT INVOLVEMENT GUIDE

Week of December 18, 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.
- **Christmas Party:** Only one person per child is allowed to attend; check-in will begin at 9:45 am on the day of the event, and our bag policy will be in effect.
- **Upcoming Dates:**
  - **December 21** - Early Dismissal/ Christmas Party - Party is from 10:15-11:15; Students will be dismissed at 11:55
  - **December 22-January 5** - Christmas Holidays - No School (Students return to school on **Monday, January 8**)
  - **January 15** - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School
  - **January 19** - Early Dismissal - Students will be dismissed at 11:55
  - **February 1-2** - Conferences - Early Dismissal - Students will be dismissed at 11:55 each day
  - **February 9** - Mardi Gras Parade
  - **February 12-16** - Mardi Gras Holidays - No School

## Math:

- This week we will complete Module 3: Multiplication and Division with Fractions.
- The students will have a test on **Monday, December 18**. The test will cover Module 3 Lessons 12-20. This will be the students' final grade for the 2nd nine weeks.
- The students received the test review last week and should use it when preparing for the test.
- Students should continue to practice their multiplication facts daily. (Ex: <https://www.factmonster.com/math/flashcards>)

## Science:

- This week we will complete Module 2: Ecosystems.
- The students will work on an invasive species project this week. They will research a specific species and present their findings to the class. It is due on **Thursday, December 21** and will count as a formative grade.
- 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. The answer key can be found in the Science Google Classroom.
- *In-class assignments may be taken for a formative grade throughout our science curriculum.*

## ELA:

- Today we read chapter 8 of *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*.
- The students will have a quiz on **Wednesday, December 20** on "The Robin Showed the Way" and chapters 7 and 8.
- We will continue implementing flex groups with all 5th grade classes. Students are placed in groups and will work on targeted skills that will allow them to become more proficient in their subject areas. The ELA Flex grouping will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for around 25 minutes during your child's ELA class period; however, flex groups will not happen this week.
- **Important Vocabulary**- Please make sure your children know the following vocabulary words for this week. They may appear in upcoming lessons or assessments:
  - **prophecy**- a prediction
  - **reign**- the period during which a sovereign rules
  - **decoy**- something intended to distract something's attention to deceive them
  - **dunce**- a person who is not intelligent
  - **turet**- a small tower
  - **satyr**- half man, half goat mythical creature (similar to a faun)
- *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 3: The Hundred Years' War and Black Death.
- 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 #8:

Respond to visitors appropriately and make them feel welcome.