

## Curriculum Notes:

### Reading:

We are so excited to be using our new Harcourt Anthology. This month, we will be reading stories about overcoming challenges. Our focus comprehension strategies are plot, story structure, character's motives and re-reading.



### Word Work:

Our word work will take place in our reading classes. Per Harford County curriculum, I will be sending home homework packets mid-September. Students will have a list of words each week to study. These words follow specific patterns, such as short vowels and vowel diagraphs.

### Writing:

During writing, we will 'read like writers' by examining a variety of texts. In addition, each student will build a resource folder of ideas to use the rest of the year. After we build our resources we will begin composing personal narratives.



### Math:

During our math block, we will work in our first unit, Number Theory. We will be focusing on whole numbers and their properties. Our next unit will be estimation and computation. The anticipated testing date for unit one is September 15<sup>th</sup>. Ask your student to identify the parts of the number model below and to make an array from it:  $3 * 5 = 15$

Be sure to read through the Family Letter in the beginning of each unit in the Study Links workbook to get a full understanding of each new unit.

### Science:

In science, we will work in Environmental Issues. The goal of the unit is to educate students that by maintaining the delicate equilibrium of eco-systems, we can preserve our natural resources.



## School Notes:

### Websites of interest:

Spelling Work and Games

[www.spellingcity.com](http://www.spellingcity.com)

Maryland State Department of Education

[www.mdk12.org](http://www.mdk12.org)

## Fifth Grade Notes:

- We will soon be sending home more information about our overnight trip to Harford Glen. We will be taking the trip on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Important Reminders:

- 9/4—Orchestra/Band Rehearsals
- 9/7—Schools Closed-Labor Day
- 9/9—Chorus
- 9/16—Back To School Night
- 9/25—Early Dismissal
- 9/28—Schools Closed-Yom Kippur
- 10/6-10/9-Harford Glen Trip

## Classroom Notes:



- ✓ Assignment Pads: Please remember, they should be signed every night.
- ✓ Back to School Night: I hope to see all of you again on Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>. I will have out a volunteer and November conference sign- up sheets.
- ✓ Our class has worked very hard over the last few days to develop a class mission statement, ground rules and core values. These items will be posted in our classroom to serve as a reminder as to what we're all working toward this school year.
- ✓ From this point on please see the school website for my monthly newsletter.
- ✓ My e-mail for contact: carol.armiger@hcps.org

## Kudos:

- ❖ I appreciate the prompt return of the parent and student information forms and hopefully we can form a great partnership for a wonderful year.
- ❖ Thank you for all of the classroom supplies that were brought in to the rooms.

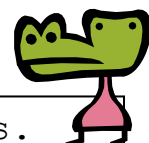
## Class Schedule

8:30—9:00: Homeroom  
9:00-9:50—Reading  
9:50—10:40—Specials  
10:40-11:10—Word Work  
11:10-12:15—Math  
12:15-12:26—Science/S.S.  
12:26-12:56-Lunch  
12:56-1:10—Recess  
1:10-2:05—Science/S.S.  
2:05-2:55- Writing  
2:55-3:25- S.S.R.  
3:25-3:50—Dismissal



## Specials Schedule:

**Mondays**-A Day-Art  
**Tuesdays**-B Day-Library  
**Wednesdays**-C Day-Physical Ed.  
**Thursdays**-D Day-Music  
**Fridays**- Rotation Day  
9/4 - B Day  
9/11 - C Day  
9/18 - D Day



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