

News from Mr. Kujawa's 5th Grade Class

September 2009

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Welcome back to what looks like a successful year at Y.B.E.S. It has been a pleasure getting to know your children over the last few days! We have been settling in to the class routines and rotations! They have done remarkably well transitioning in from 4th to 5th grade!

There are many important events coming up over the next few months, one of which includes an over-night residency at Harford Glen. There will be additional information that will be coming home with your child, regarding this matter, over the next few weeks.

Also, with the changing of the weather, I have suggested to my class, that they keep an extra sweater or hooded sweatshirt in the room. Please make sure students are properly dressed each day, as we will be going outside for free play every day, weather permitting.

I look forward to meeting each of you on Back-To-School night on Wednesday, September 16th. On this night, you will get additional information as to what's going on in class, and have the opportunity to sign up for your November conference.

Regards,
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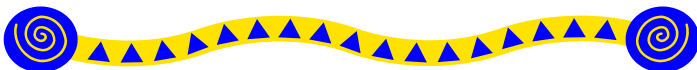
Upcoming Dates

9/14—Orchestra/Band
Rehearsals
9/17—Schools Closed-Labor Day
9/19—Chorus
9/16—Back To School Night
9/25—Early Dismissal
9/28—Yom Kippur
10/6-10/9—Harford Glen
Residential (More information
to follow regarding this event)



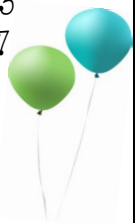
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I wanted to take a moment to introduce our Student Teacher from Towson University, Ms. Rachel Winograd. Ms. Winograd will be joining our class on Wednesdays and Thursdays each week until December. Please look forward to fun lessons and activities she has planned with the class!



September Birthdays

Patrick Loynds—9/3
Erin Hoffmann—9/7
Jimmy Houser—9/7
Hannah Elly—9/28
Blake Loewe—9/30



Parents are encouraged to consider alternatives to food for birthday celebrations, but individually wrapped snacks are permitted as long as they are peanut free.

Subjects At-A-Glance

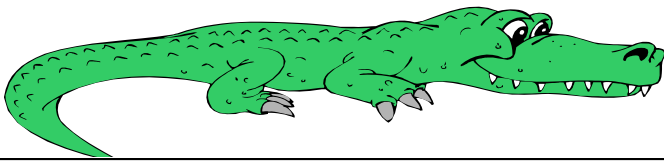
In **reading**, this month, we will be reading stories about overcoming challenges. Our focus comprehension strategies are plot, story structure, character's motives and re-reading.

During **writing**, we will 'read like writers' by examining a variety of texts. After we immerse ourselves in text, we will begin composing personal narratives.

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.

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.

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 15th.



Our class has worked very hard over the last few days to develop a class mission statement. This statement will be posted in our classroom and will serve as a reminder as to what we're all working toward this school year.

"We the gators of Mr. Kujawa's class, shall be responsible, helpful and respectful to everyone. We will take ownership of our actions and supplies. We will participate and use teamwork when we work in groups. We will encourage and include everyone, and have a good work ethic. We will trust our classmates and never give up! We will work hard to achieve goals and make the classroom a better place to learn!"

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
12:22-12:52-Lunch
12:52-1:05-Recess
1:05-2:05-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-Phys. Ed.
Tuesdays-B Day-Art
Wednesdays-C Day-Music
Thursdays-D Day-Library
Fridays- Rotation Day-Please check your monthly calendar which comes home in your Thursday folder!

