

Here are the "week of 8/29/22" updates from your 5th grade team:

If you have any general questions, please email your child's homeroom teacher.

If you have any subject specific questions, please email the respective teacher.

Teachers and their Respective Subject(s)

- Mrs. Karl (karlk@gcsnc.com) - Science and Social Studies
- Mrs. Kyslinger (kyslinr@gcsnc.com) - ELA
- Mr. Nance (nancem@gcsnc.com) - Math

Important Dates for the Diary

- Sept. 5 – No School (Labor Day)
- Sept. 8 – Fall Picture Day
- Sept. 22 – 5th Grade Vision Screening
- Sept. 23 – Quarter 1 Interim Reports Come Home

5th Grade Schedule

The 5th Grade Schedule has changed slightly from what was in our Open House newsletter. Please see the new schedule that is coming home today in your student's Monday folder and is attached to this email. This schedule also shows when your student has each subject throughout the day and the weekly rotation of specials. Please note that at the end of the day we have two 10-minute blocks for reading. Encourage your child to bring a book from home to read during this time as they may not be able to check out books from the Media Center, yet.

One Card

Students receive a new One Card each year. This needs to be worn daily with a breakaway laynard. Students need to wear their laynards outside for recess and PE. One Cards should not be left in students' desks as this is how they are checked into school each morning.

Science Updates

This week in science, we are starting off with learning basics of What is Science and the Scientific Method to help prepare students for their hands-on experiences in science this year. On Wednesday, we will start diving into our first unit of study, which is Matter. Students will get their first 5 vocabulary words, learn about the 3 types of matter, and start exploring how heating and cooling and effects objects.

- Explain how heating and cooling affect some materials and how this relates to their purpose and practical applications.

Homework: Students will need to study their vocabulary cards nightly for about 5-10 minutes. They will be quizzed on their vocabulary words about every 2 weeks.

Social Studies Updates

This week in social studies, we will explore the differences between primary and secondary sources. Students will learn about the two and be able to determine which would be the best to use to answer different questions. Students will also learn that not all primary resources are reliable.

Language Arts Updates

We'll be launching into our learning with a book tasting so we can get a better idea about what types of books the students enjoy. That will also help us to decide what makes a great book. On Wednesday, we'll begin exploring what makes a great personal narrative in our first unit of study. By the end of the week, we'll be discussing strong verbs and adjectives as well as personification as we read "The First Real San Giving." Students will begin writing their own personal narratives in class, utilizing the techniques and strategies we are learning each day.

Homework: Students need to read 30 minutes each night. We do not have any quizzes this week, but we will have one next Friday.

Math Updates

This week in Math we will be reviewing and practicing what it means to be 2CRTE on Monday and Tuesday. Your Gator will also receive their new Eureka Math Workbooks for Modules 1&2 and take the DIBELS Math Beginning of Year Benchmark. This is an opportunity to establish a baseline against which we can compare and see your Gator's growth this year. We begin Module 1 Lesson 1 on Wednesday. Module 1 Lesson 2 takes place on Thursday. This completes the work we'll do in Topic A. Your Gator will have their first graded quiz on Friday, covering Module 1 Topic A, Lessons 1 and 2. This is a review of 4th grade standards and should not take long on Friday. Afterwards, your Gator will learn Lesson 5 this coming Friday (lessons 3 and 4 have been omitted due to NC State Standards having changed since the printing of the Eureka books). Your Gator will not have homework assigned on weekends; however, they are always encouraged to practice what we learn in class. On Tuesday the 6th, we will continue Topic B with Lesson 6.