



January 2024

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had an enjoyable vacation. It is hard to believe we are fast approaching the midpoint of the 2023-2024 school year. We will be busy checking in with students to monitor progress over the next few weeks. Grade 5 students will take the NWEA ELA test on Tues., Jan. 16 and math on Thurs., Jan. 25. Below is information about recent classroom happenings and upcoming events.

**Academic Update:** In language arts we continue to work in Module 2: Biodiversity and the Rainforest which integrates well with our science unit, *Ecosystems and Food Webs*. For our novel study, we are finishing *The War That Saved My Life* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley. In writing, students are focusing on informational text and writing summaries. The culminating project will be to write a Google Slide eBook on rainforests at the end of the unit. In math, we continue to work with fractions piloting the Eureka program. This is a very challenging unit and program. The students should be very proud of their stamina and perseverance.

**Spelling Bee:** All students did an amazing job participating in our classroom spelling bee. Even though many were nervous, they applied their word pattern skills and strategies to give their best effort and also demonstrated great sportsmanship supporting and congratulating their peers. They all should be very proud. Congratulations to Brody who will represent our class in the Grade 5 Spelling Bee on Friday, January 26.

Thank you,  
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**Reminders:**

- Monday, January 15 – no school (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
- Tues., Jan 16 - NWEA ELA test/ Thurs., Jan. 25 NWEA Math Test
- Wednesday, January 23 - no school (voting/teacher workshop)
- Wednesday, January 24 - early release
- Friday, Jan. 26 - Grade 5 Spelling Bee