



# 5<sup>th</sup> Grade News

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## All About Math!

We have been very busy learning all kinds of new math concepts. The students need to make sure they know their multiplication facts. If they don't know them, they need to be practicing them every night. It's crucial they know these automatically because the material is going in more depth with factors. In October, the students will be in Unit 3 in everyday math. The focus is data and angle measures (geometry). The students will normally have one page of math homework a night. Sometimes the teacher may assign an online math game for the students to do at home.

The fifth grade students are also taking their formative state practice tests on the computer once a week. We are using their results to help us focus on concepts they need more practice on. This will help all our students be more successful and feel more comfortable taking the state assessments when it is time.



## Literacy First!

This year in fifth grade students are working in workstations that focus on standard based skills each week. The majority of Reading grades come out of the accountability piece during the work stations. It is important the students are focused and on task so they get all of their work done.

## Great Plains Nature Center Students Enjoy a Science Filled Day

On September 15<sup>th</sup>, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students attended Great Plains Nature Center in Wichita for a day filled with Science and nature. While it was a bit cold outside, the students tried to be tough and hung in there to learn about the solar system, water cycle, amphibians, and migration. They also went on a nature hike and saw animal tracks, a beaver dam, muscle shells, and learned about many various types of flowers and weeds. 5<sup>th</sup> grade student, Vivi Moreno, said, "It was cool because they had a wetland that we could walk on and animals were just roaming around."

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
<b>3</b> PTO Meeting/Sonic Night	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> NO SCHOOL
<b>17</b> Book Fair	<b>18</b> Book Fair	<b>19</b> Book Fair	<b>20</b> NO SCHOOL! P/T Conferences	<b>21</b> NO SCHOOL
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>31</b> Halloween Parties				