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Friday Folder Information:

In this week's Friday folder, you will find important information from our room mom. Please review this and return it with the information filled out. You'll also find classwork and homework from this past week in there too!

Stay Up to Date



To stay up to date be sure to read each issue of the "Rockin' Croc Times", follow us on Twitter @sycamorecreek5, and visit our [website](http://www.sycamore5th.weebly.com). (www.sycamore5th.weebly.com).

IMPORTANT DATES

8/25 – Go Play Save Due

8/29: School Pictures

8/30: Student Council (STUCO)
Application Due

8/31: STUCO class elections.

10/19: DC Parent Information
Night 5:00 pm-6:00pm

Pick of the Week!: Margaret

CHOMP Update

It's hard to believe that the first 3 weeks of 5th grader are complete. Class Dojo continues to help encourage the students to stay focused, on task and organized. We will continue to work on our transitions to ensure we are being productive and efficient. Please remind your child to stay on top of his/her organization by checking their binder daily for unnecessary papers or disorganized work.

We currently have . . . 25 CHOMPliments

Backpack Buddies

We need your help collecting donations for our BackPack Buddy Program. This program provides food for students in our community for weekends and extended holidays/track out. You can sign up to donate or volunteer here:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/508084CAEA822A2F94-backpack1

Thank you for your support. Please reach out if you have any questions or suggestions!

Newsworthy Announcements

Go Play Save!

Each student received their Go, Play, Save book and money envelope this week to start off our school's first fundraiser. Students have an opportunity to earn money toward their Washington, DC trip. For every book your child sells, he/she will receive \$15. Therefore, each 5th grader has an opportunity to pay for their entire trip or alleviate some of the cost.

Girls on the Run

We are excited about the upcoming Girl's On The Run season. What's more exciting is that we have SO many girls that we have to make 4 different teams. Due to the size of the group, we are looking to add an additional practice on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 3:30-4:45 so that we can add a fourth team. Currently, we have three teams practicing on Tuesdays and Thursdays. In order to do this, we will need more parent volunteers to coach because the teacher volunteers will be unable to coach on Wednesday afternoons. If you are willing to coach on one or both of the days, please email me at mgruenewald@wcpss.net. **We are especially looking for parents to help with the Wednesday practices.**

Additionally, if you have already registered your daughter for the program and are willing to switch to the Monday/Wednesday practices, please email me and let me know.

Thank you so much for all of your help. We are really looking forward to a great season!!

Media Volunteers

Our media center is always in need of volunteers! We would love help shelving and checking in/out books. If you are interested in being one of our weekly volunteers, please email Andrea Lyons at alyons@wcpss.net. Thank you!

Solar Eclipse

There is a lot of excitement surrounding the solar eclipse happening on Monday, August 21st. Beginning around 1:00, we will be broadcasting the Discovery Education stream of the solar eclipse as totality will occur in Madras, Oregon around 1:20. This will be fed through the televisions in the classrooms. Depending on the quality of the coverage, and programming, we will either keep the Discovery Education stream going or we will switch over to the NASA stream. Regardless of which feed we are accessing, we will continue to display the coverage until 2:50 when we will begin to call carpool numbers.

Upcoming Events

DC payment

Thank you so much for making sure your intent letters were turned in. We are working on the final cost of the trip and will be sure that this information is communicated soon!

Classroom Needs

Thank you to all of you that were able to donate supplies to start the year. It makes starting the year stress free and know I truly appreciate all of your support.

- Chart Paper
- Chalk Markers

Curriculum Update

Math: We wrapped up our multiplication and division unit this week. Students worked through various activities including word problems that involved multiple steps to practice this math skill. On Friday, they took their final assessment which will be in your child's Friday folder next week. We will begin our study of decimal place value and powers of 10.

Reading: This week in reading we practiced using text evidence to support inferences from various passages. Students were given a sentence stem page that offered those ideas on how to effectively support their evidence. Some students needed more support with this; therefore, we will continue to work on this skill a little into next week as well in strategy groups. Students also created a social media profile from the perspective of a character in Bud Not Buddy. I was impressed with the creativity many of the students demonstrated. We will continue to dig deeper in our novel next week. In Writing, we reviewed examples of strong introductions and began crafting our rough draft of our personal narrative. Mr. T also modeled how to add descriptive details to our writing. Students also examined their writing looking for internal and external descriptive details. We also began our writing conferences with Mr. T.

Social Studies: This week we wrapped up our economics unit with a study of the 3 types of economies-traditional, market and command. Students were very excited about the activities that were used to help them understand these types of economies. Students spent one day on each type of economy creating goods. Be sure to ask your child about what they learned. Next week we will begin our first science unit of the year, motion and design!

OBJECTIVES



I Can Statements:

I Can... In order to bring purpose to what your child is learning, we post I CAN statements on our board daily. It is important that your child is continually utilizing these to evaluate their understanding. You can check in with your student by discussing the following statements.

Math:

- divide whole numbers by a 2digit divisor

Reading:

- Make inferences using information from the text.

Writing:

- Write narratives to develop real events using descriptive details and clear event sequences.

Social Studies:

- Understand that personal choices such as budgeting and saving result in benefits and consequences.