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# KG/ES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## Grade 5 Message

The Fifth grade has transitioned back from winter break and students are eager to continuing E-learning.

In Literacy we are finishing our narrative unit. We have learned how to use onomatopoeia, similes, hyperbole, and figurative language to make our writing more interesting and engaging. We also learned how to use dialogue to give our characters unique voices and personalities in order to make them come to life! In reading, we have learned how to make inferences using clues from the text and what we already know. In our unit, we've read many stories about people who have faced different kinds of challenges, and how they have overcome them and learned to persevere.

Fifth grade is beginning our third science unit on force and motion, using the Science Fusion textbook series. Students will complete an at home project "Force to Move Me". Over the next four weeks, science lessons will focus on force and motion. Students will investigate various forces like gravity and friction. Students will understand Newton's laws and their structures in the world around them.

Over several weeks, fifth Grade is working towards mastery in decimals, using the Go Math! textbook series. Students began learning how decimals fit into the place value system. Then they learned how to read, write and compare decimals. Before the break they started using the four operations with decimals. Go Math presented several methods allowing students to find the best strategy to suit their unique learning style.

In Social Studies the fifth grade has completed a wonderful and informative unit on Native American civilization. Students compared what they learned about the Mesopotamia civilization, with the characteristics of the ancient tribes of the Americas. For the final project they took everything they have learned about ancient civilizations, and the development of culture, and did a compare and contrast, using a Venn Diagram. Some learning highlights were how writing developed, how governments were formed, and how these societies advanced technology in order to improve their lives. Did you know that ancient Sumerians invented the wheel, and used it to make pottery? If you look out your window, you are looking at a part of history. At one time in the ancient past, Kuwait was part of Mesopotamia!

Every student has made tremendous progress! They strive for accuracy while being respectful and are showing self discipline. They have become excellent online learners. The skills they have learned will serve them well in middle school and beyond.

## Dates to Remember

**Jan. 19, 2021**
- Drop-in Admin Zoom Meeting @ 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**Jan. 21, 2021**
- End of semester 1

**Jan. 24—Jan. 28**
- No after school support due to PD for staff

**Jan. 27, 2021**
- Report cards are available on PowerSchool

**Feb. 3, 2021**
- Pick-Up Parade

## Registration of BIS Students' Siblings and Staff Children for 2021-2022 School Year:

Registration will soon be open for BIS students' siblings and staff children for the school year 2021-2022.
The application link will be sent to your emails early next week. Please ensure to complete and submit your child's application by **Tuesday January 26, 2021.**

For inquiries, please contact our BIS Admissions Office at 22052800 / 11.

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