

# Fifth Grade News

Month of August 2022



## This Month in ELA:

### What will your student be doing at school?

We will begin the first unit in our ELA curriculum this week!!! This unit is designed to help students build knowledge about human rights while simultaneously building their ability to read challenging texts closely through a case study of the threats to human rights faced by the fictional characters in the novel *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Muñoz Ryan (740L). Students read this novel in conjunction with selected articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) and consider how the human rights of the characters were threatened in the novel.

When reading articles of the UDHR, students also determine the main ideas and details to support their thinking, and then summarize the text. Students also read informational texts related to the novel's historical context.

We will also focus on building vocabulary. Students will learn the meanings of words and phrases and be able to use them effectively in their writing.

### What can you do at home to support your student?

Encourage your student to complete their homework each day. Home work consists of a spiral review activity that will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Students should also read for 30 minutes each night and complete a weekly reading log. Please sign your child's agenda daily with minutes read and your initials so that I can give them credit in Read 20.

*"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world"*

-Nelson Mandela



## Important Dates:

**8/4/22:** Registration/back to school night

**8/10/22:** Students first day of school



## Things to Remember:

- Please remember to sign up for Class Dojo
- Please remember to sign your student's agenda each night. This is where they will record learning targets, messages or announcements.

