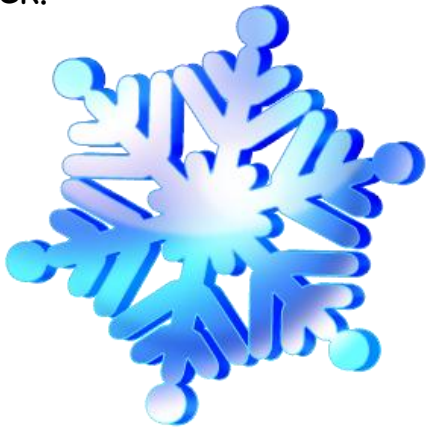


# January Fifth Grade News

## Literacy

We are starting the year off with some 6-traits of writing with a focus on voice. Students are really strengthening their writing skills using what we have learned so far. We will start new literacy groups with two new novels. The kids really have enjoyed the novels we have read so far. Remember to keep working on the spelling words throughout the week.



## Important Dates

January 4- Return to School  
December 16-No School MLK Day  
January 23-25- Science Fair  
January 31- New Student Open House

## Math

We finished our chapter on algebra and we are now moving onto ratio. Please know we will be working on word problems dealing with ratio in the traditional Singapore Math fashion. After ratio, we will work with decimals which will include rounding, estimating, multiplying, and dividing.

## Social Studies

Currently we are learning about how our great country grew through westward expansion and how it impacted the Native Americans who were already living there. Also, we will move into the Great Depression Era and World War I.

## Science

Science has been all hands on working with simple machines. We are learning about speed, velocity, and acceleration. Students have experimented with spring scales, ramps and balances. They love it!!