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# Room 2039's All-Star Newsletter

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## Open House

Thanks again to everyone that attended last week's Open House. What a successful turnout we had! ☺ It was great to meet you all and discuss what an amazing year ahead we have together!



## Vamp Up Your Vocabulary

**preposterous** - contrary to nature, reason or common sense; utterly absurd or ridiculous

\*Part of Speech: Adjective

\*Synonyms: absurd, nonsensical, ludicrous, senseless, ridiculous, unreasonable, excessive

\*Sentence: The children thought it was preposterous that the teacher would not let them leave to use the restroom during class.

## Curriculum Corner

### Reading Target Standards...

RL.5.1 Quote accurately from a text  
RL.5.3 Compare and contrast two or more characters

On Friday we finished our first whole group novel, *The City of Ember*. Through the integration of Constructed Response questions and activities, students have had the chance to demonstrate their ability to quote and cite evidence from the novel to support their written answer and thinking. Additionally, students have used this technique to provide details when looking at similarities and differences between the main characters in the novel, Doon Harrow and Lina Mayfleet.

### Writing Target Standards...

W.5.3 Write a real or imagined narrative  
W.5.10 Write over an extended period of time

While we continue to build our Writing Community, students have had ample opportunities to write routinely on a topic of their choice. Many students have chosen to focus on narrative writing, and we have enjoyed listening to these pieces during whole-group share.

### Math Target Standards...

5.NBT.B.5 Multiply using the standard algorithm  
5.NBT.B.7 Add and subtract decimals using models

Students will learn how to multiply multi-digit numbers using the standard algorithm (Ex:  $3,478 \times 36$ ). Additional practice and help can be found on our Pearsons class website, using your username and password. ([www.pearsonsuccessnet.com](http://www.pearsonsuccessnet.com)) Given what students have learned in Topic 1 of the enVision math series, they will extend their thinking and knowledge of decimals to add and subtract them.

## Right on Time Reminders

- ✓ All homework must be completed before walking in to class. Students receive 1 HAM for each incomplete/missing assignment.
- ✓ Uniforms and/or Stuckey ES colors must be worn at all times.
- ✓ A \$50 non-refundable payment is due by October 10<sup>th</sup> for the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade End-of-the-Year Field Trip to Universal Studios.
- ✓ Your child should be studying for the Great American Award weekly.
- ✓ All graded work comes home on Fridays. Please check your child's backpack for their returned work and grades.



## Upcoming Events/Important Dates

- Student Council Speeches are due to Mr. Reardon
  - Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>
- Nerd Day! (Free Dress Day)
  - Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>
- Student Council Speeches Assembly
  - Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>
- Place Value Contract due
  - Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

## Science and Social Studies

In science, students will begin an investigation on erosion and the FOSS Unit on Landforms. In this unit, students will have the chance to explore science through hands-on activities, as well as viewing a variety of multimedia components to give them a first look at where erosion takes place and how this takes place in our world.

In social studies, students should continue to study for the Great American Award. Many students have signed up and passed one or more of the required activities. Please remember that while some in-class time is devoted for this program, most of the studying should occur at home. The date to complete all Great American Award activities is May 15<sup>th</sup>.

## All-Star Students

Daniela-Student of the month, demonstrating the character trait of September (Manners).

Mekenzie-Passed 3 of the 6 required activities for the Great American Award

To those of you who have not yet received a HAM, keep up the great work and responsibility!

Our 'Perfect Attendance' chart is filling up quickly. Remember that being in class each day is extremely important to your success in fifth grade.