

# Ah-"Mason" Happenings in the Fifth Grade

## Week of December 11-15



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### Things to Know

Please consider donating Vienna sausages for Snack Packs!

#### Upcoming Events:

- December 11<sup>th</sup>-December 15<sup>th</sup>—PTO Penguin Store
- December 13<sup>th</sup>—Making Gingerbread Houses
- December 21<sup>st</sup>—Christmas Breakfast
- December 22<sup>nd</sup>-January 5<sup>th</sup>—Christmas Break

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### What We're Learning This Week

#### Reading, Language Arts, & Writing

This week students took their mid-year benchmark for the Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI). We are so proud of all of the growth that our students demonstrated. Please give your child a pat on the back for their hard work. In language arts, we will be focusing on reviewing our previous learned skills. We will continue to focus on writing compound and complex sentences as students are still struggling with these. In addition, we will also continue to focus our attention on informational writing and informational texts.

Dear Parents,

We are still in need of supplies for the gingerbread houses. We are anticipating making these in class on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, but as it stands now, we will not have enough supplies—graham crackers, white icing, and assorted candy—to make them with all 106 fifth graders. If you are able to contribute to this activity, please send in the supplies by Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Also, next week the PTO is sponsoring the Penguin Store where students can buy small, surprise gifts for their loved ones. Please find your child's date to visit the store in your child's folder.

Lastly, it seems that winter may officially have arrived on the hill. The playground is always bitterly cold and very windy, and the temperature has not met the high for the day by the time we go out. We ask that you please make sure your child brings a warm jacket to school each day. The nurse has only a limited supply of jackets to borrow. Thank you!  
Fifth Grade Teachers

### Math

**Smith:** We are working with multiplying and dividing decimals.

**McEntire:** We are working on identifying solids and finding volume, as well as, reviewing previous skills. In addition, Mrs. Wilds' homeroom will be moving into solving numerical expressions.

**Science:** McEntire's students are continuing their studies of landforms with a focus on constructive and destructive forces, as well as, how humans and technology affect landforms. We will test on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. A study guide will be provided next week. Lo's students will continue studying animal and plant classification. Test will be on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Social Studies:** We will continue our studies of the Dust Bowl and Great Depression. We will test over this material on December 19<sup>th</sup>.