



Week of
September 29,
2014

Fifth Grade Explorers



This week in math we are focusing on Multiplying Decimals! We will be looking at the traditional algorithm as well as using models and pictures to multiply decimals. This week the students will have two word problems glued into their Math Notebook for homework on Tuesday and another two word problems in their Notebook on Wednesday. Please have your student explain what they are doing and what they are thinking with the word problems. The more a student can explain the better they know the material. *Parents and Students you can go to LearnZillion.com and enter **LZ558** to have an explained lesson on multiplying decimals with models. You do not need an account to watch this video. They have several other videos so feel free to watch!

Ms. Kula and Mrs. Ramirez are so proud of our Iowa Hawkeyes and Baylor Bear classes! Our classes have received several compliments from other staff members about their leadership, behavior, and effectiveness in the classroom. Others at Press are noticing what we've known since Day 1, we have **AWESOME HARDWORKING KIDS!** We are two very proud teachers! Our year is off to an amazing start and we couldn't be prouder. Thank you for your support!



This week in ELA we will continue our Literature Circles. Our Students seem excited about their books and love sharing their conclusions with their group. The Baylor Bears and Iowa Hawkeyes will also work on other center activities such as finding patterns while reading, creating conclusion using two or three different texts, and using Istation. I want to let you know that we are close to finishing our first narrative stories, which I cannot wait to read! Last week we worked on showing and not just telling with a picture book and adding dialogue. Now the Students are busy adding these strategies to their own stories and then we will publish them.

Parent teacher Conferences are scheduled for Monday, October 27. We are asking you to sign up for a parent conference by signing on to Sign Up Genesis and request your time slot. You will meet with Ms. Kula, Mrs. Ramirez and Mrs. Yerkie during your conference. If one of the times does not work for you please let us know so we may find a time that works best. You will also be receiving an email invite for link Monday evening. We look forward to meeting with each of you!

In social studies, we are studying about the early colonies. It was exciting to learn that New Amsterdam is really New York City and that the Hudson River was named after Henry Hudson! They have wonderful juicy and skinny questions I'm sure they would love to share with you as they did with the class. I love how excited they are about learning the past and using this to help their future.

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