

Math- Topic 6, Using Models and Strategies to divide with decimals. In this topic your student is learning to divide decimals by decimals and whole numbers. He or she will be asked to divide decimals to the hundredths place in a variety of ways including strategies based on place value and standard algorithm. Your student will also develop proficiency when estimating and dividing decimals. Please have them review facts if needed, this will help!!



Reading- Guided reading groups are going well, students who are working with the teacher are focusing on strategic comprehension skills, while the rest of the kids are working independently. Our targeted reading strategy for the month of December will be review of Theme, Summarizing, Character traits and Visualizing. Please make sure your child is reading a minimum of 30 minutes each night! We will begin our novel study "Jacob's Rescue." Please check in with your child to make sure they are keeping up with their work.

Homework- We know how busy your family is, but a big part of 5th grade is teaching the students responsibility and accountability. Therefore, we are emphasizing the importance of having your 5th grader turn their homework in daily. If your child does not complete their homework, they will stay in at recess for a working lunch to complete work.

Student Planners- To help your 5th graders with executive functioning skills, every student is required to write down their homework daily. Make sure you see your student's planner and sign off that you have reviewed their completed homework. We are not asking that you correct it, but spot checking it will help ensure that your child is on the right track! If your child did not understand homework, or you feel they need extra instruction, please jot any notes down in their planners so we can address them! We continue to be committed to establishing strong parent-teacher communication. Should you ever have any questions about your child, the curricula, or just need to touch base, please feel free to contact us. Enjoy a restful and joyful holiday season. Happy New Year!

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