**AES 5th Grade News**

**October 2012**

**Reading News…From Mrs. Hogan and Mrs. Hix**

We will start our unit on Text Features this week, which is SOL 5.6a.

**Please make sure your child is reading at least 20 minutes each night and then completing the reading** **log.** Students have been doing great with these. Work hard to reach your goal of **25 A/R points**. **AR will end on Thursday, October 17** for the 1st Nine weeks. A reminder that Reading Logs are due every Friday. Happy Reading!

**Important Dates**

**October 8 :** PTO Meeting- 7:00 p.m.   
 **October 18:** Field Trip to Richmond, VA   
  
**October 28:** End of 1st Nine Weeks

**October 21:**  No School- Teacher Workday

**October 23 – October 31:** Benchmark Testing  
  
**October 28:** Report Cards go Home

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**Writing News…From Mrs. Hix and Mrs. McCann**The comma is one of the most frequently used punctuation marks. It has many different uses! Comma notes should continue to be reviewed. Students are expected to use commas to make their writing more interesting and to vary sentence structure.

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be focusing on adjectives and adverbs. It is important that your child reviews daily work and notes, so that they will not have to cram for the test.

Students will be completing direct writing prompts to practice for the Writing SOL. In addition, students will be analyzing writing samples scored 1, 2, 3, and 4. The purpose is for students to evaluate and identify the qualities needed for a “4” paper.

Spelling activities are to be done for homework and turned in the next day. A homework grade is taken on Fridays. Have your child sort their words multiple times throughout the week. Spelling tests are each Friday.



# *Thanksgiving Break is November 25-29!*

**Science News…From Mrs. Jamerson**

Thank you for all of your efforts with the Earth Science Projects! We had some amazing volcanoes, rocks and minerals, and fossils shared on Presentation Day! Some are on display now in the library and down our 5th grade hallway upstairs.

We are currently reviewing our unit on Force and Motion from 4th grade Science. Ask your child about friction, force, inertia, and our exciting roller coaster lab activity!!

We are VERY excited about having ipads to use for Science with our new Science techbook! I would like to ask your help in providing a set of earbuds for your child to use with those ipads, please. Thanks so much!!

Our next unit will plunge us into the Ocean!! Get ready for another fantastic project to complete on Ocean Creatures!

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**Math News…From Mr. Wells & Mrs. Hogan**

Students are working very hard in our multiplication and division unit. Students should expect a test during the week of October 7-11. The test will cover multiplication and division of whole numbers and decimals. Like our first test, we will send home a review sheet. The review sheet will have the test date and a place for a parent/guardian’s signature.

For our next math unit, we will investigate prime and composite numbers. Be sure to ask your child about our Prime Rap!

***Homework Reminders!****It is important for students to complete their homework each night. Although students may not have homework in every subject, it is important that you take a moment to review your child’s planner.*

*Each night, students are expected to read at least 20 minutes. In addition to this, your child may have math, writing, spelling, or science homework.*

*We appreciate your support!*

# Check out Mr. Wells’ website: [www.mrwells.weebly.com](http://www.mrwells.weebly.com)

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