

# Investigations into Fifth Grade

August 23, 2018

Hello terrific Investigator parents,

We have had a wonderful start to the new school year. Your children have come in ready to learn. Thank you for your encouragement and support!

Some scholars still have that summer schedule in their head and are getting hungry early in the day. Please remember, they can bring a healthy snack to eat any time during my class. Examples are grapes, berries, raisins, baby carrots, Goldfish Crackers, Cheese-Its, etc. we do have a PEANUT FREE classroom, so please no nuts or peanut butter.

I also encourage everyone to bring a reusable water bottle to stay hydrated. It can only have plain water in it.

Your children have a copy of the class and school expectations and procedures in their binders. We discussed them in class, however I would appreciate it if you please review them at home so you both understand them.

Also, please remember the school and district dress code prohibits clothing that is too revealing. This includes any ripped clothing without leggings or shorts underneath, shorts that sag, skirts or shorts that don't reach the knee, shirts that show tummy when hands are raised. Starting Monday, I will ask you to bring in a new outfit for your child if it is in violation of the dress code.

**-Cori Jimenez**



## Curricular Connections

**ELA:** Next week we will begin the story *Bravo Tavo*. We will discuss how the characters, setting, and plot affect the author's purpose and message.

We will also have a MAP standardized test on Thursday.

**Math:** We start with decimals next week. The focus is using patterns to multiply decimals by multiples of ten. For example,  $3.5 \times 10 = 35$  and  $3.5 \times 100 = 350$ . In both, we moved the decimal place the number of zeros to the right.

**Social Studies:** Knowing the locations and names of continents, oceans and United States is very important to understanding the relationships between states and countries. The students will need to memorize the names and locations of all 7 continents, 6 oceans, and 50 states.

**Science:** Ecosystems is our first major science unit. We start looking at what makes up a habitat, both living and non-living things, plus the relationship between them.

## Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, Aug 29 ..... Geography quiz  
Thursday, August 30 ..... Reading MAP Test  
Friday, August 31 ..... Decimals quiz