Fifth Grade Newsletter February '20

Fifth Grade Notes

We would like to thank all students for their hard work and effort in the last month. They have definitely taken coming back in the new year very seriously and are pushing themselves to do their best daily. We look forward to them continuing with this attitude for the remainder of the year!

This month students will be assessed using the STAR Renaissance testing, Pearson Online assessments, and Benchmark testing. We thank you for your assistance in the progress we know students are making.

Best,
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Ms. Donovan (donovanj@worcesterschools.net)

Fifth Grade Reminders

- February 14: AAA Awards
- February 17-21: NO SCHOOL
- Be sure your reader is reading for 30 minutes per night and working on their reading response journal
- Please be sure to send your student with a warm outfit in the event that we have outdoor recess.
- Classroom tissue and disinfectant wipes are always welcome!
- Instrument lessons are on Thursdays. Please remind your student to bring their instruments.
- For safety, please be sure your student wears sneakers on gym days. (schedule below)

Mathematics

The math classes will continue to focus on working with fraction operations. Following this, we will be starting our study of volume, measurement, and data. Please be sure students continue to review their math facts which are vital to their understanding of this material.

ELA

We are in the middle of our read aloud *Chains*. Your students have been very engaged in this text, are asking questions, and thinking deeply about the topics. Be sure to ask your students about their thoughts on the text which is bringing slavery and the Revolutionary War times to life.

Science/Social Studies

Science with Miss Rivera will continue with its study of Life Science while Ms. Donovan will be continuing it's study of water filters. Be sure to ask your student about each of these areas.

In Social Studies students will continue studying pre-Revolutionary War times and discuss how this led to the American Revolution.

Writing

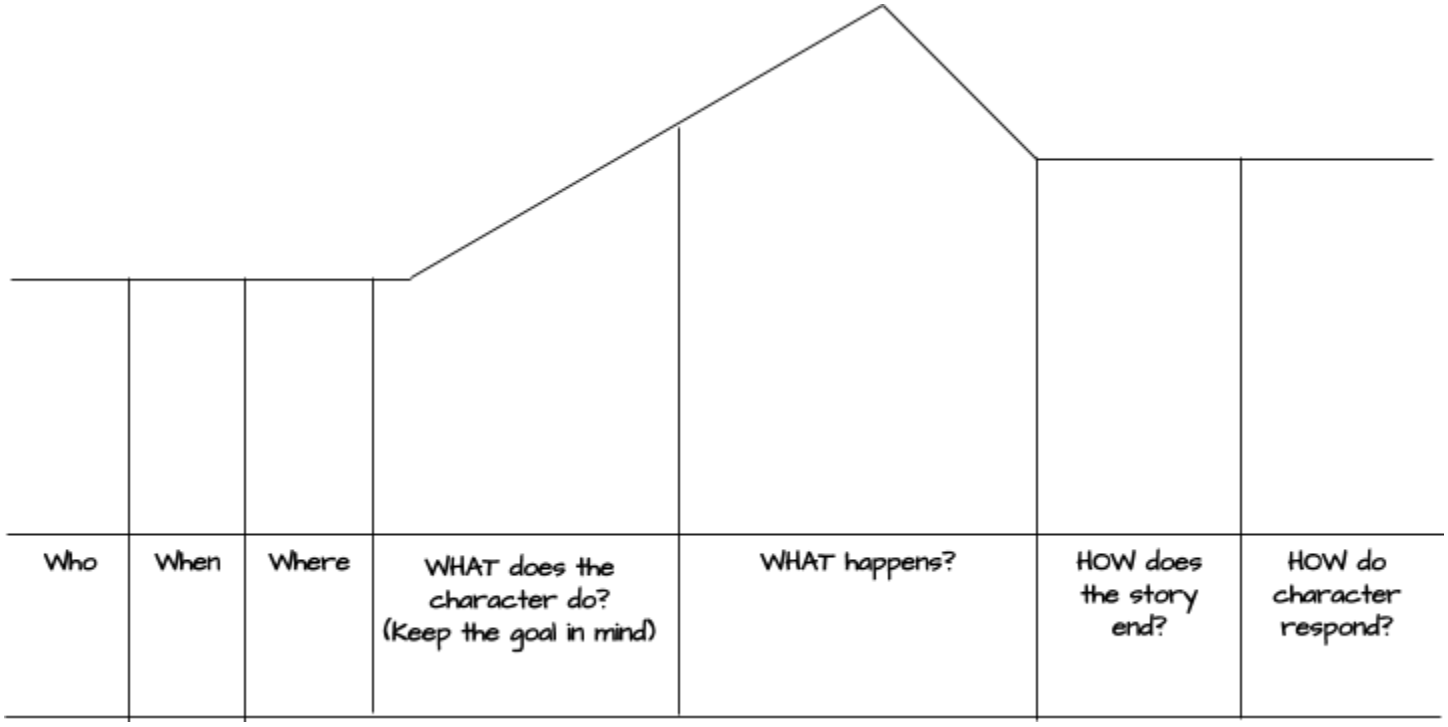
We will continue our focus on Narrative writing. All students should know that a narrative is an academic word for a story. Our current focus is on sensory details to assist with their reader visualising the setting, character, etc. We will continue with our steps in using technology to publish.

Specials Schedule: Our Specials are each morning on the days below:

DONOVAN	RIVERA
Monday: Gym	Monday: Music
Tuesday: Health	Tuesday: Health
Thursday: Art	Tuesday: Art
Friday: Music	Wednesday: Gym

Narrative Writing

Currently students are focusing their attention on narrative writing. Over the coming weeks and months we will be focusing on mapping narrative stories and writing narratives in first and third person. **Be sure to review the graphic organizer below to understand what we are covering in class.**

At home recommendations:

1. Create stories with your students and encourage them to do the same.
2. Encourage your students to tell things from another person's perspective. This could be as simple as asking them to think of things from another person's point of view.
3. Ask your students about the characters, setting, main events, problem, and solutions of the books they are reading for their 30 minutes of reading each night.