



# May News

## Mrs. Palumbo



Grade 3 students will take Math MCAS on May 10th and 11th. Please make sure that your child:

- Goes to bed early for a good sleep
- Eats breakfast
- **Charges their chromebook**

These are no different than our daily expectations for school but just a gentle reminder as students will need a good sleep and a fully belly so that way they can focus and do their best work. We have worked so much this year on building stamina and staying focussed, so without other distractions, they can do it! A charged chromebook is essential because students will take their MCAS test on their chromebook. Please make sure that your child puts their chromebook on the charger when they get home from school and leaves it on throughout the night.

### ELA - Reading, Writing, Phonics

Throughout the month students will take part in a novel study. We will read *Chocolate Fever*. This book is quite entertaining and involves lots of humor. I believe that the students will enjoy reading it. While reading we will continue to work on character traits, messages, story elements, and problem/solution.

**Writing**-Much of our writing this month will focus on our novel study. Students will complete a writing response each day after reading. They will answer comprehension questions about the story. Students will share ideas while we are reading, they will then put their ideas into their Reading Response Journal.

**Grammar**- We will work on shades of meaning within synonyms. We will explore synonyms and determine meanings using a shades of meaning chart to determine which word would be most appropriate to use.

### Math

Throughout the month we will work on collecting data, using data to make a graph, and analyzing data using our graphs. Students will create graphs and also ask and answer questions about data using the graph. Students will be expected to include a graph title and a key or a legend on picture graphs.

Students have also been exploring 2 and 3-dimensional shapes. We have been discussing quadrilaterals and discussing whether or not a shape is considered a quadrilateral.

### Science/Social Studies

**Science**- Students will discover how plants reproduce by exploring the process of pollination and fruiting.

**Social Studies**- Students will read and learn about why many colonists thought the British government treated them unfairly, and why they protested new British laws and taxes.

### Happy Birthday!!

May 15- Ethan



### Important Dates:

May 10 & 11- Math MCAS  
May 12- Scholastic Book Order Due  
May 27- Memorial Day Concert  
May 30- No School- Memorial Day