

Dear Room 19 Families,

I hope you had an amazing weekend! Happy Mother's Day to all of you!

Thank you for all of the teacher appreciation goodies last week, I felt very special and appreciated! I truly love the heartfelt cards and gifts; your kind words mean so much to me. I am in Palm Springs celebrating Mother's Day with my family, and we have all been enjoying the fruit that you brought for me! :) I feel very fortunate to work in a school that acts as one big family!

Information and Updates:

- **State Testing-** State testing will take place during the morning periods all week. Please schedule student appointments and other absences so they do not impact testing. ELA testing will be on Monday and Tuesday. Math testing will be on Wednesday and Friday. Science testing will be on Thursday. During the remainder of the day we will have science, social studies, and reading classes. We will also start preparing the songs for the Promotion ceremony. Students will have P.E., music, science lab, and art this week.
- **Homework-** There are no daily homework assignments for this week. Students should work on their KidBlog and Genius Hour.
 - **KidBlog 5/16-** A friendly reminder that our last KidBlog is due Thursday.
 - **Genius Hour Presentations-** Presentations will take place next week (5/20-5/24). Students should have their slides completed, and their speech well practiced. The slide presentation should have already been completed during class, but practicing the speech is homework. Please refer to the rubric on the Writing Google Classroom page (attached to the Slides assignment). [HERE](#) is a link to the presentation schedule.
- **Family Life 5/24-** Family Life instruction will be at the end of day on Friday, May 24. Boys and girls will be in separate rooms to view the Family Life videos.
- **F&P Testing-** Testing will be held the (short) week of May 27th. [HERE](#) is the link to the Sign-Up Genius.
- **5th Grade Carnival** - Tuesday, June 11. More information to come!
- **5th Grade Promotion** - Thursday, June 13, 9:30 a.m. More information to come! (Can you believe it is almost here?!)

Reminders for the Week:

- **Monday-**
 - We have P.E.
- **Tuesday-**
 - We have Science Lab with Mrs. Liu.
- **Wednesday-**
 - We have morning assembly. Remember to meet on the upper field.
- **Thursday-**
 - KidBlog is due.
 - We have music.
 - We have P.E.
- **Friday-**
 - We have art class.

What We're Working on This Week:

- **Reading & Writing-**
 - We will use *Storyworks* and *Scholastic News* stories to practice fiction and non-fiction reading and response skills.
 - We have started our fantasy book club unit. Fantasy novels teach readers to deal with complexity. Students will learn to navigate other worlds, think more metaphorically, deepen their understanding by turning to nonfiction, and apply these skills in other genres. Students have gotten into groups to read their own books, and I will read *The Thief of Always* to the class as our last core literature novel.
- **Math-** We are reviewing fifth grade math material from throughout the year.
- **Science-** We will review material from throughout the year.
- **Social Studies-** A note from Mrs. Stelter: Students will learn about the "checks and balances" written in the Constitution to prevent one person or branch of government from becoming too powerful. We will also discuss the amendment process, ratification of the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the first president and congress. Students will also practice the Rocky Mountains and Plains states and capitals.
- **Promotion-** Students will write 2-3 sentence "small moment" memories of each grade level at Pacific school. Each student will say a memory at the Promotion ceremony. We will also begin practicing the songs for the ceremony.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.