

# Fifth Grade News

## December 2019

### Literacy News:

Did you know that tsunamis are caused by earthquakes or landslides under the ocean? Both classes are full speed ahead researching natural disasters such as tsunamis, volcanoes, earthquakes and tornadoes. Students have chosen a natural disaster to study, and are learning note-taking strategies such as two column notes and top-down webs. After becoming experts on their topic, they will synthesize and demonstrate their knowledge by writing an informative essay. Students are enjoying learning about the varied causes and effects of these major natural events!

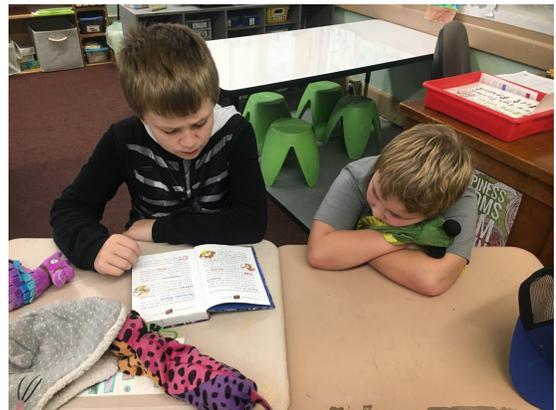
### Math News:

We like to call this month "Division December"! Students will review whole number division using strategies such as manipulatives, area models, and partial quotient division. They will also begin a study of decimal division, first working with decimals on the place value chart and working towards dividing decimals with partial quotient division. Continued practice of basic multiplication facts at home would be helpful for your child's math fluency.



### Drop Everything and Read Day!

5th graders came to school the Friday before break decked out in PJs, with their favorite stuffies in tow. They were prepared to get cozy and READ! Students loved having extra time throughout the day to get out their favorite book or audiobook.



### STEAM News:

Fifth graders are developing their coding skills in STEAM class. They are using block coding and Javascript to create projects connected to what they are studying in science and social studies.

### Important Dates:

- 12/10: Winter Sports chaperone meeting, 6:00pm
- 12/11: GSS Winter Concert featuring 4-6th grade band/chorus, 6:00pm
- 12/13: Myth Masters performance, 9:00am
- 12/17: 5th Grade to Matilda at NEYT, 9:30am
- 12/19: Third Thursday! Join us for coffee and muffins in the library before All School Sing!
- 12/20-1/1: Winter Break. Enjoy the holidays with your family!

**1/8: First Winter Sports Day!**