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| Quarter 1: October 9-13, 2017 Newsletter |
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5th Grade ELA/SS



# Field Trips

## November 17

History Museum Native American Culture Fair/Museum of Natural Sciences Labs

$ TBD

## March 9

Yorktown/Jamestown

$85/person

## March 15

Camp Flintlock Colonial America field trip on campus

No $$ (PTA covers)

## April 9

Motor Speedway in Charlotte

$$ TBD

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| Announcements  * **-Tuesday Folders will have graded Wordly Wise and USA Studies Weekly assignment, missing work print-out**   **-We are in need of glue sticks, staples, masking tape, and one inch binders (for our scrapbook/photojournal Q1 project).**  **-Students will not be choosing an explorer to study, as there will not be enough time for the “Dolphin Tank” Project.** |
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| Q1 Assigned Books Students Read At Home:  * *-Gregor the Overlander* * *-Escape From Mr. Lemoncello’s Library* * *-Holes* * *-The Cay/ Hatchet* * *-Surviving the Applewhites* * *-(Wait Till Helen Comes)* * *-Ninth Ward* * *-Night of the Twisters* |

**EXPLORATION- POWER- SURVIVAL**

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| Hello Families!  Friday’s Fun Center will be the painting of our totem poles). If you are interested in volunteering, the first session is from 9:50-10:50 and the second, 10:50-11:50. The more adults present, the more smoothly the project will run. Thank you! And thank you, Mrs. Holt and Mrs. Munyon, for coming out to help!  The students and I continue to discuss our three main abstract concepts (power, survival, and exploration). We are carrying over our fantasy/science fiction genre with two stories this week: Ray Bradbury’s “All Summer in a Day” and *The Watertower* by Gary Crew. And to continue our understanding of the exploration of the New World, we will be reading *You Wouldn’t Want to be an American Colonist; A Settlement You’d Rather Not Start*.and *Exploring the New World: An Interactive History Adventure*.  Graphic organizers will be started in class and their paragraph counterparts will be completed for this week’s homework, if not finished in class. Time management in class is imperative for success.  In ELA/SS the students and I have finished reading *The Last of the Really Great Whangdoodles* and will spend time completing writing for their Q1 project about power, survival, and exploration. This week students will choose two Savant Savvy Sayings, describe their meaning and how the words of wisdom can apply to their own lives. Students will need photo journals/scrapbooks with about 11 pages. 12 x 12 thin sketchbooks or 1 inch binders with clear page protectors can also work!  They will be answering the following key questions for their big Exploration project over the next couple of weeks:   1. **What impact did early explorers have on North America? Why? How?** 2. **What current explorations are having a significant impact on our society/world? Why? How?** 3. **What explorations can you pursue that will have a positive impact on our society/world? In what ways?** 4. **What have you learned about survival, exploration, and power this quarter?**   Thus far our grammar focus has been the basic building blocks of a sentence: the subject (nouns) and predicate (verbs). Proper and common nouns, verbs, adjectives, and analogies are a focus this week. We will continue this thread and then students will take an online IXL test to demonstrate their comprehension. Also, we will focus on correctly citing quotes and how to punctuate book, short story, and movie titles.  This week in geography we will be covering the “A Robinson Projection Map.” In our USA Studies Weekly #7 students will be asked to answer questions about “Dividing the New World.” If students have a “redo” on these assignments, I give them an opportunity to earn a 3 by redoing only the questions they get wrong. |
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## Reading Journal Assignment for the Week!- None



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| This Week’s Home WorkMonday-  * Read 30 Pages * Wordly Wise 7B; Test Friday, 10/13: Study! * 2 Savant Savvy Sayings Assignment rough draft due tomorrow * *All Summer in a Day* Figurative Language Test Thursday, 10/12  Tuesday-Missing Work Print-Outs Go Home  * Read 30 Pages * Wordly Wise 7C; Test Friday, 10/13: Study! * Invention/Discovery Organizer for *Whangdoodles* novel and Explorers due tomorrow * *All Summer in a Day* Figurative Language Test Thursday, 10/12  Wednesday  * Read 30 Pages * Wordly Wise 7wksht; Test Friday, 10/13: Study! * Invention/Discovery Paragprahs for *Whangdoodles* novel and Explorers due tomorrow * Organizer: What current explorations are having an impact on our society/world? Due Friday * *All Summer in a Day* Figurative Language Test tomorrow  Thursday-  * Read 30 Pages * Organizer: What current explorations are having an impact on our society/world? Due tomorrow * Wordly Wise 7D; Test tomorrow: Study!  Friday-  * Read 30 Pages * USA Studies Weekly #7 (If not finished in class) |
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**-Only writing assignments started for Q1 Scrapbook/Photo Journal Project**

**-Graphic organizers will be posted on Weebly Q1**

# More Important News

## Interested in Donating?

Here some books that will enliven our Social Studies units:

1. To Sail on the Mayflower! A Trip That Took Entirely Too Long by Peter Cook $? (20 Copies)
2. To Work on the Railroad! A Track You’d Rather Not Go Down by Ian Graham @ $? (20 Copies)
3. To Explore With Sir Francis Drake! A Pirate You’d Rather Not Know by David Stewart @ $8.91/ea (20 Copies)
4. To be an American Pioneer! A Wilderness You’d Rather Not Tame by Jacqueline Morley @ $9.95/ea (20 Copies)
5. To be a Worker on the Statue of Liberty! A monument You’d Rather Not Build by John Malam @ $9.95/ea (20 Copies)
6. To be at the Boston Tea Party! Wharf Water Tea You’d Rather Not Drink by Peter Cook @ $? (20 Copies)
7. To be a Civil War Soldier! A War You’d Rather Not Fight by Thomas Ratliff @$9.95/ea (20 Copies)
8. To Live in a Wild West Town! Dust You’d Rather Not Settle by Peter Hicks @$? (20 Copies)

# Reading Rewards

Students that earn 20AR points by the end of October will be rewarded with a popcorn and movie party at lunch.

# Volunteering

**Are you interested in joining us on our field trips?**

* Register for Wake County volunteering in the Media Center ASAP.
* 15 parents for Colonial Yorktown/Jamestown full day trip (5am-8:30pm)
* Remember, parent chaperones have to pay for their “ticket” to Williamsburg as well as their child’s.

[**http://claudiadalessioskare.weebly.com/volunteer.html**](http://claudiadalessioskare.weebly.com/volunteer.html)

**Friday Fun Centers in Social Studies interest you?**

* Fridays from 9:50-10:50 (first session) and 10:50-11:50 (second session)
* Cook various foods at home that coincide to our units of study
* Come in and help with art projects that reflect our units of study
* Prepare art supplies at home for our projects

# M-F Schedule (at the moment)

* 8:35-8:50 Morning Meeting
* 8:50-10:50 Justice League Math/Sci or Avenger ELA/SS
* 10:50-12:50 Avenger Math/Sci or Justice League ELA/SS
* 12:55-1:20 Lunch
* 1:20-1:50 Recess
* 1:55-2:45 Specials
* 2:45-3:00 Pack Up/Dismissal/Meditation/HW