

September

The first three weeks of school have flown by and the 5th grade has been working very hard!

We have almost completed our first chapter test over Native Americans in Social Studies. Now we are starting our second chapter, which focuses on early exploration. Look for a vocabulary test and chapter test to come in the following weeks. Be on the look-out for the first S.S. project – TOTEM POLES!!

We are moving right along in reading, language arts, spelling, and writing. We are half way through our first reading unit, revolving around competition and cooperation. We are also going to be working on a persuasive essay in writing, your students are working on writing an essay to Mrs. Briggs stating what they think should be changed about our school to help our students learn better! They will be working really hard on these! Language and Vocabulary are going well. We are still working with Prepositions in Language and will be starting our second unit in the new Vocabulary books. We try and do a unit a week.

We are almost finished with our first Science chapter as well – Classifying Living Things. We have been working hard identifying parts of plants and animals. Look for

our first test in the next few weeks. Students should be reviewing their Science packet to study for this test now, so they don't have as much to study when the test comes.

DARE: Officer Chris Colon of the Lee's Summit Police Department meets with 5th grade homerooms on most every Monday through the end of November. We will celebrate our graduation from the DARE program on Monday, December 5 at 1:30 in the afternoon. Plan to attend!!!!

GRADES: Be sure to check the Lumens website often for an update on grades. 5th graders who play sports must meet the eligibility criteria (see school handbook). Midterms go home on September 14.

As always, thank you parents for all the support you are giving our class. We really appreciate it! Don't forget that your child should be reading at least 20 minutes a night in addition to the homework they receive...and that their reading logs need to be signed!

Check our Mrs. Feuerborn's page for updates on Religion and Math.

**Thanks again,
Miss Russell**

