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# What's Happening in Fifth Grade?

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## Reading/ Language Arts

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In Reading, we will spend half of the quarter studying poetry. Students will analyze selections, and work to understand the author's meaning. Many more opportunities to read informational texts will appear. Students will also participate in a number of test taking efforts. Writing instruction will also focus on poetry. Students will create poems, showing their understanding of literary devices and figurative language. The William and Mary Program will be infused into the reading instruction of our gifted readers and writers.

### Dates To Remember

- Early Release Day— November 25th
- Thanksgiving Break— November 26th-27th
- Winter Break: December 24—January 3rd

## Math

In 5th grade Mathematics, we will complete our study of geometry and begin our study of fractions, decimals and percents.

In Math 6, students will continue their study of frac-

tions, decimals and percents. They will extend their knowledge to include ratio and proportions.

Math 7 students will continue their exploration of algebraic concepts.

### Vocabulary focus

decimals  
exponents  
closed circuit  
figurative language  
simile  
metaphor  
stanza  
personification

## Social Studies and Science

In Social Studies, we will continue our study of the American colonies as they develop into a new nation. This quarter, we will incorporate a new emphasis on the economic development of our nation.

In Science, we will study the relationship between magnets and electricity. We will concentrate on the scientific process and how to write a well-designed investigation.

## Technology

In technology we will be creating power points about poignant inventers throughout history. We will investigate the research process to determine credible sources.



