

Botelle Elementary School

5th Grade Newsletter

Welcome!

Welcome to 5th Grade!

This is the first in a series of monthly newsletters meant to be used in conjunction with Class Dojo to keep you up to date on your child's education at Botelle. There are five sections to the newsletter:

- Accomplishments - highlights some of the things we accomplished during the past month
- One the Horizon - takes a peek at what is planned for the next month
- Important Dates - gives you specific dates and times of events for your calendar
- Current Read Aloud - shares what we're reading together as a class
- Supporting Your Child At Home - a tip to make the home-to-school connection smooth for you and your child

I hope this proves useful in connecting with your child about what they are tackling in school. You can always find digital copies of my newsletters on the homepage of my website, which is linked from Botelle's website.

1st Week Accomplishments

- Our first week was full of learning procedures. COVID-19 safety procedures were mixed in with learning normal routines for fifth grade, such as unpacking in the morning, options for learning before morning meeting, when and how to leave the room for the bathroom and water, and packing back up at the end of the day. COVID-19 procedures consisted of mask wearing, hand washing and social distancing, both in the classroom and around the school.

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On the Horizon

Math: Our first math unit is just about to start! Students will be building on their knowledge of the measurement of area and multiplication facts to create an understanding of volume.

Science: Our first switch to Mrs. Asselin's class is scheduled for early October and will cover matter and energy in organisms and ecosystems.

Social Studies: Our first social studies unit focuses on the U.S. Constitution and how our government system works. We'll tie in how to be an engaged citizen and learn who our current elected officials are.

Reading: The first few weeks of Readers Workshop centers around creating good reading habits and growing our reading lives. Tasks include making reading resolutions for the year, finding just right books, writing about reading and analyzing our reading log to make weekly goals.

Writing: We'll kick off writing with our personal narrative unit. Students will brainstorm meaningful past experiences and learn to tell that story with the techniques of descriptive and figurative language, dialogue, transitions and hooks.

Important Dates

9/16: Virtual Open House (6:25 to 6:45 PM)

I'll share the link with you as early next week

9/29: Picture Day

10/1: First day of Socktober –
More info to come!



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Ruby & Darrin!



Get to Know Ruby

Siblings: Dahlia, Mikey, Max & Julia

Pets: Pumpkin, Juniper, Piper, Lenny, Chewy, Bailey & Wrigley

Favorite book: *Minerals and Rocks*

Favorite animal: cat

Favorite holiday: Halloween



Get to Know Darrin

Birthday: March 19, 2010

Favorite color: Blue

Favorite food: Pasta

Least favorite drink: Orange juice

People I trust the most: Adults that I know

1st Week Accomplishments Cont.

- I had a blast getting to know your children through a handful of get to know you activities. We started with a summer activity guessing game, where students wrote down one thing they did over the summer and the class had to guess who it was. Next, we played a game with M&Ms, with the color of the M&M pulled out of their package representing a different piece of information to share with the class. We finished off last Friday by playing Two Truths and a Lie, and this week students brought in some fantastic About Me bags to show off what was most important to them.

- As a huge Star Wars fan, I like to begin the year by reading *I Am A Padawan*, by Ashley Eckstein, on the first day of school. We use her experience in the Star Wars universe and the lessons she learns as a padawan to make connections with life and expectations as a fifth grade student at Botelle.

Current Read Aloud

I Am a Padawan
by Ashley Eckstein



Supporting Your Child at Home

- Help your child get into the habit of checking their agenda each night for homework