

Our Fifth Graders have gotten off to a super start this year. They have shown their teachers that they are all awesome, respectful, responsible Christie Cubs! The talk around Fifth Grade is all about camp. Many of our students will explore the new Collin County Adventure Camp while others will have some great science adventures at Camp Christie. Camp Christie and the Adventure Camp will be held September 18-20<sup>th</sup>.

Our first organizing idea in Integrated Curriculum is all about communication. This organizing idea explores communication from the perspectives of student, scientist, and geographer. Students become involved in the processes through which scientists and geographers gather information and use their tools to communicate information.

In our Language Arts classes we have been working on several important skills. While reading some interesting and thought provoking stories, we have focused on the major story elements of setting and character. We have also been working on the different types of sentences and how to build more complex sentences.

In math, the students are working on place value with both whole numbers and decimals. They have also been working on estimating and finding the actual answer when they add and subtract decimals. In the next few weeks, they will begin studying all kinds of graphs and how to use their data.

### **SPECIALS NEWS**

**Art** – As we create our portfolios this year, fifth grade will be studying color theory and the Op Artist Victor Vasserly. They will also use watercolor to create an original color wheel design.

**Music** - Fifth graders will review rhythmic and melodic concepts from 4th grade and perform them individually. Grades will be given in music class: E–Excellent, S-Satisfactory, N–Needs Improvement, and U-Unsatisfactory. Grades will reflect knowledge and performance of musical concepts and participation.

### **PE/Fitness**

The students got off to a great start in Physical Education. Gary Guinn is the lead PE teacher and Tyra Owens is the Fitness Teacher. The 1<sup>st</sup> couple of weeks in school, we have worked on football skills along with school safety rules, bike safety, and safety while playing.

### ***EXCITING NEWS***

Congratulations go to Garrett Fox, Matthew Cowperwaithe, and Gretchen Theis for being selected to sing with the Plano Children's Chorale! They will be traveling to San Antonio in February to perform at the Texas Music Educator's Association Convention.