**** Fifth Grade

 News

 December 17 - 21, 2012

**Parents,**

**We are excited about our upcoming break! We hope that you have a very wonderful holiday break. Any information in regard to test dates for this week is included in this newsletter. Here at WWES we count our blessings for such supportive and wonderful 5th grade parents!**

**Sincerely,**

**Fifth Grade Teachers**

**Important Dates**

December 19th – Panther Pride

December 20th – Christmas Festivities

December 21st - Half Day. Students Dismissed at 11:00

January 3rd – Students return to school

January 11th – End of 2nd Nine Weeks

January 17th – Report Cards go home

**Friendly Reminders**

* Don’t forget to include driver’s license number on all checks.
* Please support our food drive by sending canned goods. It’s the boys against the girls!

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**Weekly Learning Objectives**

**Math**  Simplifying Fractions and Long Division

•      Using the greatest common denominator (GCF) to simplify fractions to lowest terms

•       Dividing using long division or line division

•      Reviewing multiplication and addition

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•      Visit this website for fraction practice:
        [www.sheppardsoftware.com](http://www.sheppardsoftware.com)

**Test on Wednesday, 12/19/12 (100pts)**

**Science -** Ecosystems

         Describe the relationship of populations within a habitat to various communities and ecosystems.

**Social Studies-**

* Finishing up Middle and Southern Colonies

**Test 12/19/12**

**Reading and Language Arts**-

**Review Week**

* **Reading** **Selection**:  Hatchet, Chapters 1-4
* In Reading, we will explore the action in the survival book by Gary Paulsen.
* In Grammar and Spelling, we will work on reviewing skills and patterns from previous lessons.

**(No tests this week)**