**** Fifth Grade

 News

 **December 3 to December 7, 2012**

**Parents,**

**There are many exciting events going on at WWES this time of year. Please encourage your boys and girls to keep their focus on academics as we enjoy the season! Any information in regard to testing is included in this newsletter. Here at Wellborn we count our blessings for such supportive and wonderful 5th grade parents.**

**Sincerely,**

**Fifth Grade Teachers**

**Important Dates**

Nov. 26 to Dec. 18---Boys/ Girls Canned Food Drive

Dec. 5---Santa Pics/Envelopes sent home have details

Dec. 6---Progress Reports/Folders

Dec. 7---Polar Express Event/$3

**Friendly Reminders**

* Don’t forget to include driver’s license number on all checks.

**Weekly Learning Objectives**

**Math**

 **Adding Fractions with Unlike Denominators**

•       Finding the Least Common Denominator to add

         fractions with unlike denominators

•       Using division to simplify fractions

•      Reviewing multiplication and addition properties
•      Visit this website for fraction practice:
        [www.sheppardsoftware.com](http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/)

**Test on Wednesday (100pts)**

**Science-** Ecosystems

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

        **Vocabulary** – energy pyramid, population, cycle, biome

         4H is due on December 12th!!

**(Test on Thursday---100 pts)**

**Social Studies-**

Life in the Middle Colonies

**Reading/Language Arts**-     **Lesson 13**

**Reading** **Selection**:  "Stormalong”

**(Test December 7)**

         Focus Skills: comprehension, cause/effect, and vocabulary

        Robust Vocabulary:  reputation, bellowing, yearning, unfathomable, betrayed outcast, withered, escapades

**Spelling**: Prefixes/**able, ible, ment, less**

 **(Test December 6)**

 **Grammar**: Singular and plural possessive nouns

**(Test December 6)**

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Heading to the Holidays!