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5 / 6 Weekly News

*Reminder:
Ask your child to show
you his/her planner
every day!*

We will have a Community Spirit Day on Wednesday, November 11th. We will dress in school colors and/or camouflage and bring in a monetary donation toward the Bring the Guards Home Fund.

Math /

Sixth graders have been adding, subtracting, and multiplying decimals, and multiplying by powers of ten. Fifth graders have been practicing multiplication, working with factors, and learning rules of divisibility.

Social Studies

Students are working hard on their group projects for Peacham history. The schoolhouse group is creating a PowerPoint presentation of 12 schools, the farming group is writing a play with scenes depicting a farming in the past and present, and the homes group is building dioramas showing the difference in home interiors between early Peacham homes and modern homes. Students are also conducting research which they will compile in a written report.

Language Arts

Students continue meeting in literature circle groups, and are practicing the different roles within the literature circles. Students are learning about the different types of questions, beginning with literal questions. We practiced as a class using a short poem, then working in small groups read an article about avalanches in National Geographic for Kids and asked developed literal questions about the text. Students have also learned about common and proper nouns, and have been practicing identifying and using noun phrases. Students have been conferencing with me on revisions for final drafts of procedure writing pieces. We have also been using mentor texts to learn about authors craft, specifically how authors use compare and contrast in non fiction writing. Students will apply some of these strategies in their written reports in social studies.