



Farley Fifth Grade Newsletter

May 2010

Math

Fractions

- Equivalent fractions
- Simplest form
- Greatest common factor
- Least common multiple
- Comparing and ordering
- Fractions, decimals and percents
- Adding and subtracting

Language Arts

- **Word structure** - roots, prefixes and suffixes
- **Text features** – title, glossary, index
- **Character traits** – physical, actions, feelings, consequences for actions
- **Text structure** – cause and effect, sequence
- **Author's purpose** – persuade, entertain, inform)
- **Major conflict** – problem, climax, resolution

Social Studies

• **Government**

- A New Nation
- Constitution
- Bill of Rights
- Branches of Government
 - Executive
 - Judicial
 - Legislative

• **Westward Movement**

- Pioneers
- Louisiana Purchase

Science

• **Light**

- Light interactions
- Colors of light
- Properties of light
- Electromagnetic Waves

• **Sound**

- Pitch and volume
- Vibration
- Sound interactions

Important Messages

- Maturity films will be shown May 7, please contact Mrs. Riley with any questions or concerns.
- Reminder to Students – all 4th quarter AR points are due May 21st.
- All negative meal accounts, unpaid book fees and music rental fees must be paid by May 15th, or they will be turned over to the district collection department.

Important Dates

- 5/7 – Maturity Films
- 5/10 – 5th grade Music program
- 5/13 – Final PTO meeting @ 6:15
- 5/21 – Fun & Fitness Day
- 5/25 – Talent Show
- 5/26 – Last day of school
 - Reports cards sent home