

**October 2, 2017**

Dear 5th Grade Families,

We believe language is the foundation of all school curriculum. Each subject area that we teach has a rich and varied vocabulary that students learn to use as they demonstrate their growing understanding of concepts in these areas. Our goal is for our students to become "word-savvy," developing an understanding of how words work with in context of reading and writing. We also want them to become excited about words as they learn to use them in their own speech and writing. We hope that they can independently study words they come across as they move onto middle school. We will be building on the vocabulary strategies and skills the students used in fourth grade. As a fifth grade team, our word learning happens across the day in many different forms. The students will receive weekly vocabulary words selected from our curriculum, eventually the students will be apart of this selection process. They will study these words for homework each night and the week will end with a vocabulary quiz. All this work will be completed in a Word Study notebook. Across subjects, we study words in context through our class read alouds, and conference with students around tricky words. During writing lessons, we study ways to revise our language to become more sophisticated and consistently use content specific language. Please review the weekly vocabulary schedule below. Also refer to the ways students can study for a quiz. This is a major way you can support your child every Thursday night. The weekly word fun all begins this week. :)

All the best,  
P.S. 261 5th Grade Teachers

**Word Study Weekly Schedule:**

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Fri.</b>
-Glue <b>words</b> into W.S. Nbk. -Study them -Set up Frayer model <b>Intro Words:</b> What we already know about each word	<b>Morning Meeting:</b> Word study through shares, games or analyzing sample work	<b>Morning Meeting:</b> Word study through shares, games or analyzing sample work	<b>Morning Meeting:</b> Word study through shares, games or analyzing sample work	<b>1st period:</b> <b>Vocabulary Quiz</b>
<b>HW:</b> <b>Frayer model</b> graphic organizer (1 per word)	<b>HW:</b> Choose a <b>short response</b> to complete in Nbk.	<b>HW:</b> Choose a <b>Written Response</b> to complete in Nbk.	<b>HW:</b> Choose a way to <b>study for Vocabulary Quiz</b>	<b>**Make up quiz next Mon. if absent**</b>

## Word Study-Thursday HW

### Ways to Study for a Vocabulary Quiz

1. **Reread** Word Study **Notebook** work
2. Have someone **quiz you** at home using your word study notebook.
  - What does \_\_\_\_\_ **mean**?
  - \_\_\_\_\_ is the **meaning of what word**?
  - \_\_\_\_\_ is what **part of speech**? Noun? Adjective? Adverb? Verb?
  - **Say a sentence** aloud with \_\_\_\_\_ in it?
  - What are **3 synonyms** of \_\_\_\_\_?
  - What are **3 antonyms** of \_\_\_\_\_?
3. **Make flashcards** with words on one side and definition with part of speech on the other side. Quiz yourself, then have someone quiz you with the cards.
4. **Rewrite words and definitions in your word study notebook.** First with looking at the words and definition. A second time without looking.

### **Each QUIZ you need to know...**

1. **Word & ALL** its definitions
2. Part of speech of each word
3. At least **3 synonyms** of each word
4. At least **3 antonyms** of each word
5. Write each word in a **sentence** that **shows its meaning**