March 19, 2021

**Happy Spring Break!**  
**I just wanted to wish all my 5th grade scholars, as well as their parents, a happy Spring Break! Students have been working very hard, and I hope that they use the vacation time to rest and recharge their minds and bodies.**

**Once we return from Spring Break, things will be very hectic, and I’ll need all my students to be on top of their games. First and foremost, 5th graders will be taking the FSA writing exam on Thursday, April 8th. After that, we will be moving quickly to get through both the science and math textbooks so that students are thoroughly prepared for the FSA. And, as we try to cover new curriculum, we’ll also need to review material from earlier in the year. With a little extra effort, I know that my students will be successful!**

**So, everyone, enjoy your vacation, but make sure you come back rested and ready to work hard. School’s almost over…let’s finish on a high note!**



**Citizen of the Week**

**Congratulations to Liam Watson!**

Notes from Ms. Katje**:** This week, students worked on St. Patrick’s Day and rhythm activities.

**Veterans Day**

Our Veterans Day ceremony will be held this Friday, November 8th, from 7:45 until, approximately, 8:30. Please plan on joining us to honor and thank all those military personnel who have protected and served our country.

I am creating a PowerPoint slideshow to pay respect to the veterans of students and staff of Healthy Learning Academy. If you have a family member that you would like to be represented, please send me his/her picture by Wednesday, November 6th, *at the very latest*. In addition, include the following:

* Name
* Rank
* Military branch
* War fought in (if applicable)
* Student(s) that they are related to

If you submitted a photograph and information last year, I will use that in the slideshow. I hope we have a large turn-out to honor these American heroes.

**Important Dates**

March 22-26: Spring Break

Thursday, April 8: FSA Writing Assessment

**Yoga Pose of the Week**

This past week, 1st graders led Morning Meeting and introduced students and parents to our “Yoga Pose of the Week,” which was “Horse Pose.”

A person holding a pair of skis

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| **ELA:** We went over conclusions and generalizations, regular and irregular verbs, and the prefix, “hypo-.”  **SS:** Students are still studying Ch. 6 which focuses on A New Nation.  **Math:** We’re now studying measurement in Ch. 11 and will continue after Spring Break.  **Science:** This week, we tested onUnit 7: Working with Electricity. Unit 8 is on Forces and Motion. |
| **Word of the Week:**  Our word of the week was “courage.” Aristotle called courage the first virtue, because it makes all the other virtues possible. It takes courage to attempt something that you’ve never tried before, and courage to stand up for something that you believe in. It allows us to overcome fear and take action. |
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### Students should neatly write and mark each of the following words with large, legible print on the index cards sent home today. This week, we will focus on the root word, “pend.”

### appendage appendix pendulum dependent pendulous

### expenditure impending independent suspended pendant

#### Spelling

#### Miscellaneous

#### The Week In Review

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