



# Gamecock and Mountaineer December News



**Stoney Creek  
Elementary**

**December 2015**

## Upcoming Events

### **PTA Holiday Card Fundraiser**

December 1<sup>st</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>

### **Career Day**

Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

### **Read-In Day**

Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

*(Please e-mail Ms. Gonzalez or Ms. Riley if you would like to come in and read to our classes that day!)*

### **NO SCHOOL (Winter Break)**

December 21<sup>st</sup> – January 1<sup>st</sup>

## **A Peek at Our Weeks Math & Science**

In math, we continue to work on fractions. This is one of the longest and hardest units we will do all year since fractions are a big part of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade math EOG. In particular, we will be focusing on multi-step word problems involving fractions.

In science, we are in the middle of our Forces and Motion unit. Students are learning about Sir Isaac Newton's 3 laws of motion. We made paper rockets and compared the distance they flew and why. This week, students are designing and building their own roller coasters. They will also be creating an advertisement for their coasters labeling each part with their force and motion vocabulary words. After break, we will learn about simple machines and distance vs. time graphs. Students should be studying their science vocabulary words from Ms. Gonzalez every week to every other week.

## **Updates/Reminders**

Please check and sign your child's agenda every night. The agenda is a great way for parents to see their child's behavior for the day and what homework they should be getting done that night. Also, please be on the lookout for Thursday folders every week (sometime every other week) to stay informed about your child's grades. You can also always check grades on Power School (the office can provide your login information). Progress reports were sent home the 1<sup>st</sup> week of December. Hard to believe that we are already halfway through 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter!

It's cold and flu season again! Ms. Riley and Ms. Gonzalez are working hard to keep their classrooms as germ-free as possible! However, we are running low on Lysol wipes and tissues. If you would like to donate either of those items it would be greatly appreciated!

## **A Peek at Our Weeks Literacy**

In literacy, we are heading into our Historical Fiction unit. Students will be able to see social studies, character traits, inferences, context clues and text structure all in the same unit! We are continuing to read nonfiction texts and focusing on how things such as characters, events, settings or ideas relate to each other. Please continue to work with your child on building their stamina. In 5<sup>th</sup> grade, vocabulary is essential. Make sure to help your child study their word sort words as well as their vocabulary words biweekly. Resources such as RAZkids.com and NewsELA.com are also ways that you and your child can work on making sure the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter is a huge success!