

**Dear Parents,**

## **Welcome to March!**

**In math, we are working on our unit about measurement and capacity. The students are converting and comparing measurements in the metric and customary systems. They are also working on explaining their answers by giving a detailed explanation as to how they solve word problems. We will be starting the next unit of study on geometry and volume. We are also preparing the students for the NYS Math Test.**

**In reading we are focusing on the big idea which is “Curiosity”. The students understand that the universe is a fascinating and complex place, and people interpret it through literary text as well as through science. Students will be analyzing the author’s use of details/description, point of view, voice, imagery, and mood/tone.**

**In writing, the students will understand that writers must write clearly and coherently to develop and organize task, purpose, and audience. Writers will use narrative elements to write a fictional story, and writers will use persuasive elements to write a critique.**

**In social studies, we are beginning our next unit of study which will focus on exploring how geography, economics, people, and key events shaped Mexico, a land of bright colors.**

**\*Parent Teacher Conferences – Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

**\*Fun Friday – Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

**\*English Language Arts State Test – Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>,  
Wednesday March 29<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

**\*\*As usual, if you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. \*\***

**The Fifth Grade Teachers**