



**Dear Parents,**

**Welcome to October! As the school year really starts to go full speed ahead, we wanted to let you know of some important topics our students will be learning about:**

**English Language Arts: we will be continuing to read our mentor text, Night of the Spadefoot Toad and focus on enduring understanding. We will be writing narratives and using techniques such as dialogue, description, sensory details, figurative language, and precise words to convey the students' stories.**

**Math: We are learning how to divide whole numbers using various strategies such as estimation, using base ten blocks, and interpreting the remainder.**

**Social Studies: We are learning about geography in the western hemisphere and looking at the land as well as early civilizations.**

**Science: The students are learning about ecosystems, which is the plants and animals that are found in a particular location. These plants and animals depend on each other to survive.**

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**October 6 – Fun Friday**

**October 9 – Columbus Day – School Closed**

**\*\*We hope this helps in assisting your child to get organized and hand assignments in on time. As usual, if you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your student's teacher.\*\***

**Sincerely,  
The Fifth Grade Teachers**