

5th Grade News

Week of December 11

This Week's Lessons

Reading: Express understanding of themes in *The Phantom Tollbooth* and the module's Essential Question, "How and why do writers play with words?" You will create an original narrative involving Milo and a character from *The Phantom Tollbooth Today* to write an "exploded moment"

English: Understand Homophones by playing "I have...Who has...?"

Math: Practice an Algorithm Using Partial Products; Find Missing Side Lengths; Fractions as Partial Quotients

Science: What are Solids, Liquids, and Gases? Describe some physical properties of matter.

Vocabulary Words

Persistence: The quality of being steadfast, determined, stubborn, or insistent.

Theme: The central message of a literary work; an idea developed in a text that conveys a message or truth about life and the human experience.

Castle in the air: A fanciful wish or scheme; daydream

External Conflict: A struggle between a character and an outside force, such as another character, a group, or something in nature.

Internal conflict: A struggle that takes place inside a character's mind.

Conspicuous: Easily seen or noticeable

Ferocious: Terrifyingly fierce and scary

Insincere: Phony or fake

Gelatinous: Like a jelly in terms of thickness or firmness

Trivia: Not valuable or important, insignificant

Upcoming Events:

December 15: End of 2nd Quarter & Class Parties

December 18 – January 2: Christmas Break

January 3: Classes Resume

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