



# 4/5 Multiage Superstars!

May 7, 2012

Feltwell Elementary School, England

Where everyone's a star!

## WEEKLY FEATURES



You are a star in  
Mrs. Griffis's Class!

**MATH**

**FRACTION UNIT**

- Adding Fractions with Unlike Denominators
- Subtracting Fractions with Unlike Denominators

**READING**

**GRIFFIS BOOK CHALLENGE AND READING STAR ACTIVITIES** Students should be finished with their first reading challenge book by the end of this week and be prepared to share their Reading Star Project with the class on Monday. Reading Counts test grades will be added to the grade book (Gradespeed).

**GRAMMAR**

**CAUGHT 'YA PARTS OF SPEECH**– We will be adding a new element to Caught 'Ya Grammar, which will be identifying parts of speech (This week we will be underlining the subjects of sentences.)

**WRITING**

We will take our 4th nine weeks writing evaluation this week. The prompt is: *“Think about a time you or a person you know needed a change. Write a story about the change that was needed and what happened.”* We will begin writing our stories on Tuesday.

**SCIENCE**

**PLANT UNIT** This week we will be focusing our attention on seeds. We will be learning about the parts of seeds and the best way to plant seeds for successful plants. We will be using the seeds that we harvested this past summer and will be planting them in the soil provided by Mrs. Heli (Thank you!)

We will be learning the seed-related vocabulary words on the back of this page.

**SOCIAL STUDIES**

**OREGON TRAIL PLAY** This week we are creating the play as a class including the students' journal writings. When completed, we will begin rehearsing our parts. The confirmed date for our play will be Friday, May 25th at 1:45. After the play we will be serving food from the trail that we will prepare earlier that day. We would love to have our families join us for this exciting event!

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mon. May 7:**
- Kids on the Block Puppet Show (Deployment and Bullying)
  - Reading Projects for some students
- Fri. May 11:**
- 5th Grade DARE
  - 4th Grade Community Service
  - Plant Field Trip (Olivia, Lexi, Alexis, Jade)
- Thu. May 10:** Dan Crow Concert
- Sun. May 13:** Mother's Day
- Tue. May 15:** VTC with Our Class and Mrs. Shea's Class at Liberty (Video Teleconferencing)
- Wed. May 16th**
- Hedgehog Singers to Theater
  - Hedgehog Hangout
- Thu. May 24:** Duxford Field trip
- Fri. May 25th** Oregon Trail Play/ Taste of the Trail 1:45 (date changed)
- Mon. May 28:** Memorial Day-- off
- Thu. May 31:** Turn in Movie Star Auction Basket
- Fri. June 1:**
- Alexis's Last Day :(
  - Friday Freak-out (Spring Fling)
- Fri. June 5th:**
- 5th Grade End of the Year Finale "Amazing Race Around the World"
  - 4th Grade Country Officials
- Mon. June 11:** Helicopter Visit
- Tue. June 12:** Field Day
- Thu. June 14:**
- FES & LMS Picnic (tentative)
  - Last Day of School/ 11:30 Dismissal (please excuse

## PLANT UNIT VOCABULARY



### SEED INVESTIGATION VOCABULARY (this week)

**Burr:** seed vessel having hooks or prickle

**Cotyledon:** the part of the seed that contains stored food for the growth of the seed embryo

**Dispersal:** the scattering of seeds

**Embryo:** undeveloped plant (or animal) in its early stages of growth

**Fruit:** plant part in which seeds form; ripened pistil

**Germination:** the beginning of the growth of a plant embryo in the seed

**Life cycle:** the repeated process of the germination, growth of a plant, and formation of new seeds; sequence of stages of growth in the life of an organism

**Nutrient:** a substance that living things need in order to survive and grow

**Ovary:** bottom part of the pistil in which seeds form

**Pistil:** part of a flower where eggs grow into seeds

**Seed coat:** a tough "skin" that protects the other part of the seed

**Seed:** produced by the flower; an undeveloped plant

### PLANT INVESTIGATION VOCABULARY (next week)

**Flower:** the part of some plants in which seeds and fruits form

**Life span:** the length of time an organism lives

**Offspring:** the small plants grown from the seeds of a parent plant

**Petal:** the colorful leaf-like part of a flower

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**Seedling:** a young plant

**Sepal:** one of the leaf-like parts that protects a flower bud and is usually green

**Stamen:** part of a flower that makes pollen



