Please take a peek at our Reading, Writing and Social Studies Curriculum for September and October…

Reading Workshop

The fifth graders have taken charge of their reading lives by setting goals in order to GROW as a reader. They have also thought of a plan to reach their personalized goals. Students have chosen independent reading books and are keeping track of what they read on a reading log, which they should complete each night. We have begun to think about written responses to reading. Reading responses should not be a retell, but rather a thoughtful response that could include feelings about what has been read, an opinion, notes on lessons learned, or a reflection about the author’s craft and purpose, all of which we are learning (and reviewing) in class! Be sure to ask your 5th grader about Home of the Brave, our class read aloud. It is a follows a boy named Kek, who has arrived from Africa to America, after his father and brother were killed in the war.

Writing Workshop

Fifth graders will begin the year by writing personal narratives, small moment true stories about themselves. Students will work through the writing process by generating ideas, choosing a seed idea, drafting, revising, editing and publishing their work.

Social Studies

Students will study geography and early societies of the Western Hemisphere, answering the essential question: To what degree does geography determine culture?