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5th Grade Bradley International School Newsletter

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Classroom Curriculum

- **Literacy:** The 5th graders have been working on establishing rituals and routines during reading workshop. The students have been learning and practicing the expectations of the independent reading contract. We are beginning our non-fiction reading unit. In this unit, the students learn to identify non-fiction text features and use these features to increase comprehension. We began switching classes for RTI guided reading block on Wednesday, September 23rd.
- In our new *Writing Alive!* program we have been focusing on identifying the five major parts of a sentence (subject, verb, object, phrase, and clause). The students have had many opportunities to write personal narratives and plot summaries.
- **Math:** Many new concepts have been introduced in the first unit of Everyday Mathematics. The students have been developing their number sense by identifying composite and prime numbers, determining the prime factorization of numbers, writing numbers as exponents, creating factor rainbows and factor trees, and exploring the rules of divisibility.
- **PYP/Social Studies:** We have started our first planner called *National Roots*, an inquiry into the factors that contribute to the development of nations. To begin this unit of inquiry the students have been developing their background knowledge about basic geography and map skills. The students are eager to discover what factors lead to the exploration and colonization of the United States.



How to Support At Home

- Please continue to support your child in completing daily homework assignments.
- Your child should be practicing multiplication facts at home. The goal is to achieve instant recall. As the math curriculum becomes more and more advanced, instant recall of multiplication facts is quite beneficial.
- Please monitor your child's progress on the Bradley Reading List. The first book report was due September 25th. The next book report will be due October 27th.



Other Announcements

- None at this time



Dates to Remember for 5th Grade

- Parent Teacher Conferences on October 26th and 27th
- No School on October 28th – 30th