

**Fifth Grade Newsletter Week of August 23, 2017**  
**Norman Borlaug Elementary**



<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>English Language Arts</b>	<b>Science</b>	<b>Social Studies</b>
<p>TOPIC 1: Understanding Place Value</p> <p>Lesson 1-1: Patterns with Exponents and Powers of Tens</p> <p>Lesson 1-2: Understand Whole-number Place Value</p> <p>Lesson 1-3: Decimals to Thousandths</p> <p>Lesson 1-4: Understand Decimal Place Value</p> <p>Lesson 1-5: Compare Decimals</p> <p>Lesson 1-6: Round Decimals</p> <p>Lesson 1-7: Look for/Use structure to Problem Solve</p>	<p>UNIT 1: We Never Stop Learning.</p> <p>Lesson 1: A Package for Mrs. Jewels</p> <p>Target Skill: Story Structure</p> <p>Target Strategy: Summarize</p>	<p>Sun, Moon, &amp; Planets</p> <p>Investigation 1: Sun and Earth</p> <p>Part 1: Shadow Shifting</p> <p>Part 2: Sun Tracking</p> <p>Part 3: Day and Night</p>	<p>America's Past</p> <p>Chapter 1: Geography of the United States</p> <p>Chapter 2: American Indians and Their Land</p>

**Spelling Words: Lesson 1**  
**Short Vowels**

breath	promise	gravity	bundle
wobble	grasp	frantic	solid
blister	numb	swift	weather
crush	hymn	feather	energy
direct	shovel	comic	stingy

<p><u><i>Dates and Announcements</i></u></p> <p>*August 23, 2016-First Full Day of Classes (Early release all week)</p> <p>*September 1, 2016-Back to School Night 6:30-7:30</p> <p>*September 4, 2016-NO SCHOOL-Labor Day</p>	
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**Questions or Concerns? Contact us at:**

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## 2017-2018 Back To School Letter

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! We would like to share additional information regarding the newsletter and elaborate on a few key subjects.

Newsletters will be emailed weekly. In addition to the lessons that will be covered in mathematics, English Language Arts, science, and social studies, spelling words, and important dates will be included. Please note that spelling tests will be given at the end of each lesson and a random 15 out of 20 words will be chosen for the test. We are assessing the student's command of the spelling pattern.

Homework will be assigned, and will vary depending on the subject. Students will be bringing home a folder with a reading goal sheet that will need to be filled out nightly and signed by a parent. The expectation is that each student reads a minimum of 20 focused minutes per night. In math, any homework a student may have will be unfinished class work and/or additional practice problems assigned daily with exceptions listed in the planner. This means math homework will vary in number of problems and type of problems for each student. Any additional homework, spelling lists, papers, or information that needs to go home will be inserted into this folder. Students will be expected to turn in this folder, along with the student planner that should also be signed nightly, so that we can check for completion. While it's true we are preparing your children for 6th grade and junior high rigor, we are also trying to instill balance, awareness, and responsibility. Be sure to also enjoy family time, a walk in nature, or sharing of the day with your children.

Finally, we encourage you to email us if you have questions or concerns. The best way to reach us is via email, which we will check in the morning before school and after school has dismissed.

Thank you for supporting your children and encouraging them to be Borlaug Best! Woof Woof!

Sincerely,

Ms. Johnson and Ms. Schupanitz