

5th Grade Newsletter

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Writing Trait #1

Sentence Fluency

As the fifth graders have been working on their creative writing, I have been encouraging them to be aware of their sentence fluency. They are reminded to be encouraged by the sentence varieties available to make their writing exciting. Sentence fluency is the trait that we hear in our writing. It is the rhythm and flow of the piece. As Ruth Culham of the 6+1 Writing Traits speaks of this trait, she reminds us that sentences “must contain just the right phrase or word in just the right place to create just the right image.” Encourage your child to write sentences that vary in length, are built in a way that enhances meaning, and that emphasize the sound of the words as well as the meaning.

Look on the Back!

Mrs. Turnpaugh's Reading/Language Arts students are striving to follow four basic rules for writing (located on the back of this newsletter). We will highlight many more as the school year progresses, but your help in supporting these basic ideas at the beginning of school would be greatly appreciated.

QPC

Quality People Care (QPC) will be starting after our Camp Tecumseh field trip! Students can begin to practice reciting their 7 Habits and 5 Key Foundations for Success (located on homeroom websites) so that they can earn their spot in QPC as soon as possible!

Period 2 and 3 Spelling List

they're	would've	mightn't
you've	should've	what've
weren't	might've	must've
needn't	wouldn't	there'll
there'd	who've	
they've	shouldn't	
mustn't	who'd	
what'll	this'll	
doesn't	couldn't	
hadn't	*Challenge Words	
could've	there've	

Period 1 Spelling List

country's	crow's	communities'
its	witnesses'	April Fools 'Day
hers	secretaries'	congresses
libraries	countries	communities
nieces	theirs	
witness's	libraries'	
secretary's	nieces'	
countries'	crow's	
ours	witnesses	
library's	*Challenge Words	
niece's	congress's	