

# Mr. Dulberger's Latest News

## School Is Back In Action!

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Whether it is the sound of an iPad typing, a conversation about place value and decimals or the pages of a new book flipping the 5th graders in Portable 1 have said goodbye to summer. As the students recognize that they are the new leaders of Emma K Doub they are ready to set a positive example for their underclassmen. From applying to classroom careers to learning the routines of a new classroom, these 5th graders are ready to tackle the 2013-2014 school year and their coach (Mr. Dulberger) couldn't be more excited.

### CHARACTER COUNTS

September's character counts trait is respect. Please discuss with your child why it is important to be respectful and how it impacts other people. This month we will talk about what it means to have respect and how they can show it to all people in their lives. We will be working on being respectful of other's things, emotions and property.

### MATH

During the month of September we are going to be working on Numbers and Operations in

base ten. The students will gain deep knowledge in number sense as they work with large whole numbers and decimals. As always, please continue to work on fact fluency on a nightly basis.

### READING/LANGUAGE ARTS

This month we are going to continue to work on comparing and contrasting characters, settings and events in a fictional story, drama or poem. Please continue to read with your child and have deep conversations about the novels they are reading. Throughout the remainder of the school year each student will be reading independent novels that are based on his or her Lexile levels. They will take on the role of a character in their story and will be expected to blog on a weekly basis. Please check your child's My Big Campus (MBC) site to read what they have been blogging!

### WRITING

This month in writing we will begin our unit on Narrative Writing. The students will learn a variety of strategies for generating personal narratives. I encourage you to share any narrative writing you have done re-

cently or in the past with your child. I also encourage you to ask your child about reading with a narrative writer's eye.

### SPELLING

Be on the lookout for information on our spelling program. This will be sent home as a hard copy and posted on MBC.

### RESPONSIBILITY

In preparation for middle school, we are really focusing on student responsibility this year.

### NO SCHOOL

September 2, 2013

### Special points of interest:

- ✓ Character Counts for September is respect
- ✓ 9/2/13 No School
- ✓ 9/23/13 PTA Fundraising event at Sharpsburg Pike McDonald's at 5PM

### Happy Birthday!

Jenna Phillips—9/14

Lillie Anders—9/23

### Quote of the Month:

“Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant.” -  
Robert Louise Stevenson

## Super Social Studies & Science News!

### SCIENCE

During September we will be studying Environments. The students will continue to tend to their own Terrestrial Environments and identify as well as describe factors that contribute to its success. The students choose a specific type of environment to research and become an expert on.

### SOCIAL STUDIES

We will begin our unit on regions! The students will focus on the regions of our country that were developed through colonial times. The regions and environments units will interconnect as the students study environmental factors can affect the climate, population, culture and economy of a particular region.

## We LOVE TECHNOLOGY!!!

### Classroom Website

I have OVERLOADED our Weebly site with examples of student work.  
Please visit our classroom site to see all of the new and improved updates!

### TWITTER

Follow me on Twitter! I post weekly pictures of the kids in action!

### My Big Campus

Check out the Library as well as our class group—the resources folders are CONSTANTLY growing!

## Online Accounts:

The following online accounts have been created and can also be accessed from home:

- Learnzillion ([www.learnzillion.com](http://www.learnzillion.com)) - A website aligned with Common Core State Standards for ELA and Math that includes videos and guided practice.
- Khan Academy ([www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)) - Also a website aligned with many Common Core State Standards for ELA and Math that includes videos and guided practice and much more!

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