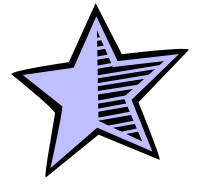


5th Grade Team December 2011 Highlights and Coming Attractions



Curriculum Stars Align Around Camp Bernie



Our trip to Camp Bernie was a great success and allowed the 5th Grade team to make numerous connections to our curriculum back in the classroom.

Our **Language Arts** lessons in Journeys were based on the theme, “Nature Deserves our Respect,” and WOW, did we appreciate that during our experiences at Camp Bernie. Our Reading stories included classics like, “Old Yeller,” and a story entitled, “Cougars.” While these were interesting reading in the classroom, we were all happy that there were no bear or cougar sightings while we participated in our survival training at Camp Bernie. Other Reading stories included, “Storm Warriors,” which took on a new perspective as we marched through the forest to our Stream Ecology classes.

We sharpened our division skills in **Math** by trying to determine how many students should be in each of our meal tables, study groups and cabins up at Camp Bernie. It was also interesting to make the connection that the remainder was not just a number but a classmate from another school that we’ll see again next year at middle school.



Finally, in **Science**, the concepts of ecosystems and food webs came to life when we experienced them first hand in the forest at Camp Bernie. Our classroom lessons on the factors affecting ecosystems and how humans can change them were experienced first hand by analyzing the amount of food waste we produced at Camp Bernie.



Our Camp Bernie experiences made our curriculum come to life and created friendships we’ll carry into middle school next year.