



# January

ELA NEWSLETTER FIFTH GRADE



## Skills Focus:

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#### Reading

**Social Issues & Historical Fiction:** Students will examine how setting affects the plot. Students should understand point of view and how stories told from different points of view may affect the reader.

#### Social Studies

**Culture and Geography:** Understand the effects on people due to culture, religion, movement and location.

#### Writing

**Opinion Essay:** Opinion pieces clearly state thesis and supply the reasoning for thinking. Students need to use textual evidence, reasoning, and facts to support their viewpoint. Students also build their argument by linking their ideas together through a variety of sentence structures and more complex sentences. Students should also include a concluding statement.

## Literacy Block

Students are working on independent reading stamina and responding to reading through writing. Teachers are meeting with students in guided reading groups to work on individual skills.

## At Home Connection

