



# Trail Blazer News



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## Expedition

### *Liberty – What does it mean to have it and why do people want it?*

This week students are studying and sharing about important individuals that made a significant contribution to our nation's history. Trail Blazers will share whom they researched about in their crews. We will also focus on the perspectives of King George III and the differing opinions of the colonies.

## Math

**5<sup>th</sup>** - We are continuing to practice how to describe what a typical data set contains by expressing the **mode**-number that occurs the most, the **median**-the middle number, and the **mean**-the average in a set of data. We will be wrapping up our study of data collection and representation through graphs and typical data statistics.

**6<sup>th</sup>** – We are continuing the reinforcement of isolated skills that need focus. These skills include fraction work, plotting points and data on graphs and grids, as well as hands on algebra.

## Writing

This week the Trail Blazers will begin a writing Raft that encompasses all the Traits they have learned this year. It will be the last large writing assignment of the year!

## Reading

Students continue to employ reading strategies as they tackle in content texts pertaining to our expedition.



## Upcoming Events

**May 13<sup>th</sup>** – Early Release for Teacher Collaboration.

**May 14<sup>th</sup> – 2:34-3:45** Parent Training Night for leaders/assistants at Camp.

**May 15<sup>th</sup>** – Rescheduled Peak Assembly at 9:30 am.

**May 21<sup>st</sup>** – Meeting for all Trail Blazer Parents regarding colonial camp. 2:45-3:45 pm in the gym.

**May 26<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup>** – Colonial Campout at Shoshone Base Camp.

## Vocabulary/Spelling

Vocabulary this week: **Articles of Confederation, Declaration of Independence, Magna Carta, Mayflower Compact, Plymouth, rebel, town meeting, treason.** Check with your child's base camp teacher with questions about their spelling words.

## ~Parents~

Incredibly we have received all the non-perishable food items that we need at this time – THANK YOU for all your generous support. If you still wish to contribute please contact Mrs. Smith, there are other items we will be purchasing. (Please no more cans –unless they are the small, smooth ones with no ridges.)

*It's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice.*