



# Trail Blazer News



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## Expedition

During expedition, we will be preparing to present at the Ecology Fair on Tuesday. We will also continue learning about the water properties and what different contaminants do to our water and the animals living in it.



## Literacy

Reading – We are continuing to focus on the comprehension reading strategy, *Determining Importance*. Being able to pick out the main ideas and highlight only the important pieces of a reading selection is essential. Continue to look for reading logs to come home and be signed weekly.

Writing – Trail Blazers are going to work on a writing R.A.F.T., using the friendly letter format. Students will be using their new knowledge about the Spokane River to explain what they have learned so far.

## Spelling/Vocabulary

This week's vocabulary words are: **atom, attract, change, compound, element, electron, proton, neutron, and nucleus**. They will have a quiz this Friday. Look for weekly spelling words to come home and be practiced. Tests will be on Thursday or Friday.



## Math

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade** – We have finished Investigation 2 and area now moving to Investigation 3, which is estimating with fractions and decimals. Students will be developing strategies to quickly decide an approximate estimation to a sum, and also whether to over or under estimate in a given situation. Some students are working on individual projects.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Students will exhibit their learning so far on their quiz Tuesday. We will be focusing on how different polygons tile a surface to create unique patterns. Thank you for helping your child notice how math is used in our daily life.



## In the News...

All School Ecology Fair is tomorrow, September 30<sup>th</sup> outside our classrooms. (1:45-2:30pm)

Summit School Shirt order is due by Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. Make checks payable to Summit ASB.

First Peak Assembly is coming up on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to get all of your work in!!

### \*\*\*REMINDERS\*\*\*

~Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> is early release for collaboration.

~Healthy Youth Survey will be given to all 6<sup>th</sup> graders the week of Oct. 13th. Parents are welcome to view this prior to the survey if they wish. Any questions please see Janet McDonald, school counselor at 228-4261.