

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade News**   
**Bancroft Elementary – December 6, 2018**  
**How We Organize Ourselves**

**Literacy**



- \* Throughout the unit we will be reading texts describing different times in American history where laws needed to be created or changed.
- \* Students are annotating the text by underlining key details and using their annotations to determine the main idea.
- \* Students are writing personal letters from the perspective of a delegate attending the Constitutional Convention of 1787.

**Contact Us**

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us.

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**Unit Questions**

Talk about these at home:

- \* Why do we create and change laws?
- \* Try to include current events in your conversations with your child. Encourage your child to share those conversations in the classroom.

**How We Organize Ourselves**

**Central Idea:**

The need for order causes people to create systems

**Our 3 lines of inquiry:**

1. Types of government
2. Function of government
3. Governing documents

**Learner Profiles:**

Knowledgeable, Thinkers

**Attitudes:**

Empathy, Tolerance

**Key Concepts:**

Form, Function, Causation

**Transdisciplinary Skills:**

Thinking, Social,  
Communication, Self-  
Management



- \* 5<sup>th</sup> graders are working on long division strategies.
- \* Students are deciding what to do with the remainder in different situations

**PARENTS: Ask your child, "When do you round, drop, or share a remainder?"**

**Reminders!**

\* Family Arts Night  
Thursday, December 13  
5pm-7pm

\* STARBASE field trip  
Monday 12/10-  
Friday 12/14

\* Winter Break  
12/24 -1/4

\* Supplies are running low! Classrooms are in need of tissue and pencils.