



Fifth Grade Parent Newsletter #5

This week we are reading “Ten Mile Day” by Mary Ann Fraser. On May 10, 1869, the final spike in North America's first transcontinental railroad was driven home at Promontory Summit, Utah. Illustrated with the author's carefully researched, evocative paintings, here is the story of that great American adventure--and the day Charles Crocker staked \$10,000 on the crews' ability to lay a world record ten miles of track in a single, Ten Mile Day. We will focus on some vocabulary words in this story. It would be helpful if you will reinforce the meaning of these words at home with your child. Also, on this newsletter you will find our spelling words for the week. Please practice these words at home as well. The words in italics are our challenge spelling words. Let’s have a great week!

Spelling Words: they’re, you’ve, weren’t, needn’t, there’d, they’ve, mustn’t, what’ll, doesn’t, hadn’t, could’ve, would’ve, should’ve, might’ve, wouldn’t, who’ve, shouldn’t, who’d, this’ll, couldn’t, *there’ve, mightn’t, what’ve, needn’t, there’ll*

Vocabulary Word	Meaning
barren:	unable to produce much or any plant life
lurched:	leaned or rolled suddenly
prying:	moving or forcing open; searching too curiously
deafening:	stunningly loud
previous:	coming or being before
surveying:	looking over or viewing

<p>Comprehension Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cause and Effect: An effect is something that happens, a cause is why something happens. • Text Structure: This is the way an author organizes the text, such as describing the events in sequence or in a cause and effect pattern. 	<p>Conventions:</p> <p>Common, Proper, and Collective Nouns</p> <p>Common: a noun that does not name a particular person, place or thing.</p> <p>Proper: the name of a particular person, place, or thing, which is capitalized.</p> <p>Collective: a noun that names a group</p>
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Parents,
 Don’t forget about your Parent/Teacher Conference this week on Tuesday or Thursday. I will be sending a reminder home with your child. Please bring your son or daughter with you for this meeting.

Parent involvement is all about the children and making sure they receive the kind of education they deserve and must have.

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