



## Fifth Grade Parent Newsletter #18

This week we are reading “Exploding Ants” by Joanne Settel. 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!

Our comprehension focus this week will be on identifying and using graphic sources found in the text. Our grammar focus will be identifying and using possessive pronouns.

**Spelling Words:** cent, sent, scent, threw, through, weather, whether, their, there, they’re, chili, chilly, tide, tied, pale, pail, aloud, allowed, course, coarse, *counsel, council, bizarre, bazaar, patients, patience*

Vocabulary Word	Meaning
critical	being important to the outcome of a situation
enables	gives ability, power, or means to: makes able
mucus	a slimy substance produced in the nose and throat to moisten and protect them
scarce	hard to get; rare
specialize	to develop in a special way
sterile	free from germs