



Fifth Grade Parent Newsletter #27

This week we are reading “The Mystery of Saint Matthew Island” by Susan E. Quinlan. 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 the main idea and supporting details using information in the text. Our grammar focus will be identifying and using conjunctions in the correct context.

Spelling Words: important, experience, ignorant, entrance, difference, instance, absence, appearance, intelligent, evidence, pollutant, clearance, confidence, conference, insurance, ambulance, hesitant, consistent, excellence, persistent, *iridescent, coincidence, convenient, significant, alliance*

Vocabulary Word	Meaning
bleached	whitened by exposed to sunlight or the use of chemicals
carcasses	bodies of dead animals
decay	process of rotting
parasites	living things that live on or in others, from which they get food, often harming the others in the process
scrawny	having little flesh; lean; thin; skinny
starvation	suffering from extreme hunger
suspicious	beliefs; feelings; thoughts
tundra	a vast, treeless plain in arctic regions