



# Obama Magnet School Fifth Grade Newsletter

Week of October 2-13, 2023

## Student Reflections

What are the qualities of an effective leader?



*The qualities of an effective leader should be someone that is not afraid to take risks, open-minded, and communicates respectfully to others.*

**Ethan Butler,  
Ms. Lindmark's class**

*The qualities that make up an effective leader are compassion, bravery, and eagerness. Leaders should have these qualities because it shows that they care about the individuals in their community and they are ready to serve and protect them.*

**Kaila Brown,  
Mrs. Tyler's class**

## **Skills and Assessments**

**Reading/Language:** Scholars will compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, or events in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., how characters interact).

**Math:** Scholars will add and subtract fractions with unlike denominators (including mixed numbers) by replacing given fractions with equivalent fractions in such a way as to produce an equivalent sum or difference of fractions with like denominators.

**Social Studies:** Scholars will list the problems of the Articles of Confederations such as lack of executive branch, no taxation power, and weak central government.

**Science:** Scholars will obtain and evaluate scientific information to describe basic physical properties of atoms and molecules.

### **Spanish: Hispanic Heritage Month**

Research Project (Mexico, Guatemala, and Colombia)

**Assessments:** Benchmark 1/Math, ELA, Science Formative

## **Save the Date**

**October 6-** College Spirit Day

**October 9-12-** Hispanic Heritage Week

**October 13-** Fall Break (**NO SCHOOL**)

**October 16-** Parent Teacher Conference Day

## **Resources on the Web**

[iReady Learning Path](#)

[Khan Academy](#)

[Xtra Math](#)

Visit the [JPS EdTech](#) page to access digital learning resources. Check out the resources available in your scholar's Clever account.

## **Current Unit of Inquiry**

### **Transdisciplinary Theme:**

How We Organize Ourselves

**Central idea:** Countries establish different systems of governance to maintain order and facilitate growth.

**Key concepts:** function, perspective, responsibility

**Related concepts:** rights, legislation, justice, roles, networks, relationships, interdependence, citizenship, and governments

### **Lines of inquiry:**

- Systems of governance
- Global citizenship
- Different systems of organization in our community

## **Featured Learner Profile Attribute**

**REFLECTIVE:** IB learners thoughtfully consider the world and our own ideas and experience. We work to understand our strengths and weaknesses in order to support our learning and personal development.

**INQUIRER:** As IB learners, we nurture our curiosity, developing skills for inquiry and research. We know how to learn independently and with others. We learn with enthusiasm and sustain our love of learning throughout life.

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