

# JANUARY

## 5th Grade

Anamosa Middle School

5th Grade Contact Information on the back

\*\*\*We support the use of "fidgets" as a tool at AMS\*\*\*

### Fidget Expectations:

- The fidget is a tool to help student focus, not a toy. No throwing it around, etc.
- The fidget should not be a distraction to the student or others around the student
- The fidget should be "out of sight" and underneath the desk - no one should really notice that you need this support
- The fidget should be small enough to comfortably fit into the student's non-dominant hand, leaving the dominant hand free to write or work
- Only the student should have their fidget
- The fidget should not make any noise
- The fidget should be contained and not rolling around the classroom

## Computers

This is the first year AMS students have been issued chromebooks and we are having many problems with broken screens, missing earbuds, and misuse during class time.

Please help us remind all students that these are their chromebooks for all of middle school and must be handled and used appropriately for educational purposes.

Please contact the school office if you have questions about the contract you and your student signed at the beginning of the school year.

## Focus in the classroom

### Literacy:

Continuing unit 2: Animal Encounters

### Math:

Ch. 5 - Dividing Decimals

### Science:

Earth and Sun: Shadows, Day and Night, and Planets

### Social Studies:

Starting Ch.7: Comparing the Colonies

## TOYS & SLIME

Please keep all toys, slime, putty, etc. at home. It has become a distraction and it's not allowed on school grounds.

### Upcoming Grade Level Dates

#### Early Release Days

Wednesday, January 16th

#### No School/Teacher Inservice

Monday, January 14th

#### End of Quarter 2

Friday, January 11th

#### Winter Break

Dec. 24-Jan. 2nd

