

Weekly Class Newsletter

5TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES

During the next several classes, your child will study how the Eastern Woodland Indians lived before settlers came to North America. Your child will also learn about the two main language groups of the Eastern Woodland Indians—the Algonquian and the Iroquois. Here are some topics the class will be reading about in *Eastern Woodland Indians*:

- how Indians depended on the land for food, shelter, and clothing
- how the division of labor allowed communities to survive
- the role of trade in fostering peace and collaboration among communities
- the role of confederacies, like the Iroquois League, in providing defense and promoting peace and trade among its members.

VOCABULARY WORDS

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| Barter | Season |
| Clan | Scarce |
| Confederacy | Wampum |
| Division of Labor | Weir |
| Fertile | Wigwam |
| Flint | |
| Longhouse | |
| Myth | |
| Palisade | |

6TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES

During the next several classes, your child will study Our Planet, Earth. Your child will learn about Earth's movement on its axis, the main parts of the Earth and the forces above the Earth's surface. Here are some topics the class will read about in this unit:

- Earth in space and its movement relative to the sun.
- Time and Earth's Rotation, how it creates day and night
- Earth's Structure and how it contributes to Earth's shape
- Forces on Earth's Surface and its major landforms
- Forces inside Earth and how plate movement creates mountains, earthquakes, and volcanoes.

VOCABULARY WORDS

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| Atmosphere | Plain |
| Axis | Plate |
| Core | Plate Tectonics |
| Crust | Plateau |
| Delta | Revolution |
| Deposition | Rotation |
| Equinox | Solstice |
| Erosion | Time Zone |
| Fault | Valley |
| Landform | Weathering |
| Magma | |
| Mantle | |
| Orbit | |

