

Miss Garcia's Class Newsletter

Week of April 21st, 2024

1. Wednesday, April 24th Early Release

This Wednesday, April 24th is an **early release day**. Students will have a **1:00 pm dismissal**. This Wednesday we will **have NO specials**. Click [here](#) to see the six-day schedule for the entire school year.

2. State Testing Done!

We have completed all our state testing! If your fifth grader missed any of the tests last week, they will be pulled for make-up testing this week.

3. Genius Hour Project Update:

Last week your fifth grader brought home guidelines about how much information should be included in their *Genius Hour* display. Please return the signature sheet that came with the guidelines by Wednesday, 4/24.

4. Genius Hour Documents

By now, your fifth grader should have the following four documents to help guide their progress on their progress on their *Genius Hour* projects:

- Their approved *Genius Hour* question.
- Project display guidelines and grading checklist.
- An explanation of how to put information in "your own words".
- Guidelines on how much information to include in their *Genius Hour* display.

If your fifth grader needs another copy of any of the above documents, please let me know.

5. Work at Home Project

A reminder that the *Genius Hour* project is primarily a home-based project.

While we are working in class to guide students on how to create and present their projects, most of the work in researching and creating the display for their project should be done at home.

6. Project Due Date

Genius Hour projects are due Tuesday, May 14th. They will be on display in the Cafeteria during our 5th Grade *Genius Night* from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm on May 14th.

7. Assignments Posted in Canvas

Reminder: For the remainder of the school year, **all assignments will be posted on Canvas only.**

All assignments posted BEFORE April 15th will still be available on the class website until the end of the school year.

8. Can't Get into Canvas?

If your fifth grader is using a device other than their school laptop, here's how they can get into Canvas:

1. Go to the district's sign-in page. <https://myapps.classlink.com/home>
2. Click "sign in with Microsoft"
3. Log-in using their student email address:
(studentusername@student.pusd11.net) and laptop password

9. Checking Grades?

If you are checking your fifth grader's grades, please continue to use ParentVue. Students should use StudentVue.



Baby Armando hopes that everyone has a wonderful week!

Thank you for reading this week's newsletter!

Helpful Links!:

- Parent Square - I will be using Parent Square to send out most of my communications. If you do not have Parent Square, [click here to get registered](#). Note: to register, you must use the email address or phone number you provided to the school as part of your contact information.
- Class website! - You can find our class website by clicking [here](#) or at <http://bit.ly/garciafifth>
- Logging into ParentVue allows you to check your child's grades 24/7. Here's the link to ParentVue: <https://www.peoriaunified.org/Page/209>
- Email is the best way to reach me. My address is augarcia@pusd11.net