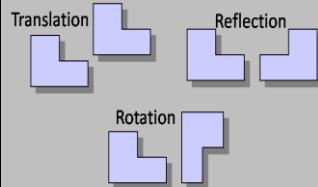


SUBJECT	Reading	Writing	Math	Science	Social Studies
Ideas students are learning	Students will identify the theme of a selection & use multiple strategies to construct meaning and to incorporate new ideas.	Students will understand that a memoir has significance to them and usually shows something significant to others.	The student will apply the geometric and spatial reasoning concepts of translation, reflection, and rotation to solve problems.	Plant/animal adaptations, inherited traits and learned behaviors. Students will also be reviewing year's studies.	The student will learn about life in America after the Civil War.
Skills	Students will preview, predict and identify character, setting, plot, and cause and effect relationships.	Students will use pronouns, contractions, and prepositional phrases in their writing.	The student will transform figures on a coordinate plane to show that their sizes and shapes do not change in the process of moving.	Observing, measuring, analyzing, verbalizing reasons for their studies.	The student will learn skills such as analytical, critical thinking, prediction, and map skills.
Work and assignments to look for	Students will complete <i>Reading Between the Lines</i> , & Making Connections & Questions & Answers T-Charts.	Students will complete a memoir about an important topic in their life.	The student will demonstrate each of the three transformations with concrete objects and show results pictorially.	Journal entries on animal adaptations and how they are tied to their needs.	Student will create a diary/journal entry from the point of view of an American living in a war torn city.
Questions Parents Can Ask	What can I use to help me identify the author's big idea? How do I access information and develop new ideas from reading?	Why is this topic important to me? Did I include details that help the reader understand my story?	Ask your child to demonstrate translation, reflection, and rotation, and to explain the difference between the three transformations.	What do you think some adaptations are that humans have (teeth, walking bipedially, etc.) and why do they have them?	Why was the south so willing to fight to keep the institution of slavery?
Special Notes	Your child will answer TAKS formatted questions that will test the skills that were covered during the six weeks.		 <p>The diagram shows three blue L-shaped figures. The first is labeled 'Translation' and is moved to the right. The second is labeled 'Reflection' and is a mirror image of the first. The third is labeled 'Rotation' and is the first figure rotated 90 degrees clockwise.</p>	Animal adaptations can be discussed by looking at pictures or nature programs.	The Civil War Museum in Fort Worth is a fun educating family field trip.

PARENT A GLANCE

Find out what your child is **learning** and how to **help**.

SUBJECT	Elementary Health	Elementary PE	Music	Art	Orchestra
Ideas students are learning	Students will learn more about making health decisions & taking charge of their health.	Students will continue to practice a variety of locomotor skills in game-like situations.	Sing music representing diverse genres and cultures, with expression appropriate for the work being performed by singing literature aligned with the fifth grade academic	Students are learning about the Elements and Principles of Art using types of balance, unity, and value.	Music History; Performance and Evaluation; Tone Production
Skills	Student will be able to describe benefits in setting and implementing short and long-term goals	Students will practice multiple kinds of locomotor and manipulative skills.	Perform independently, with accurate intonation and rhythm, demonstrating fundamental skills and basic performance techniques.	Students will develop higher-level thinking skills as they learn to use types of balance, unity, and value together to create a meaningful artwork.	D Major scale by memory; Uses straight bows; Identifies / plays notes on the A / D strings; Plays short pieces of music
Work and assignments to look for	<i>Family & Social Health - Family Letters/textbook reading</i>		Sing traditional songs with accuracy of pitch and rhythm.	Students will be working on artworks using balance, value, and unity .	D Major scale in-tune w/good tone; long tones as well as selected rhythms & from memory
Questions Parents Can Ask	Have you set any goals about your health we could help with or share?	Ask your child the differences & similarities in games of net/wall & invasion, fielding and target.	How does musical notation show melodic direction?	What different types of balance? What is unity? What is value? How did you use both in an artwork? Do see balance/unity in nature?	How can a Major scale be used to write music? How is the music from different cultures alike and different?
Special Notes			PTA Programs and Performances.	Art is specialized and open-ended. The program allows the art teacher to select different media and will include a variety of projects.	Ensure students play their instruments for you at home w/a straight chair and music stand - this will allow for good posture