

## Welcome to Fifth Grade!

We would like to welcome you to your final year as a Mountain Park Mustang. We are very excited for this year and have great plans for you here in the Fifth Grade! One unique way Mountain Park guides and develops the talents and skills of all students is through the Schoolwide Enrichment Model (SEM). SEM is completely funded by your generous support of PTA's Schoolwide Enrichment Fund. Presently, two of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Schoolwide Enrichment Model (SEM) units are:



Under Construction or Destruction?  
Constructive and Destructive Forces



We've Got the "Write" Stuff  
Writing across the curriculum

In the unit *Under Construction or Destruction?* we will investigate the forces that help shape our Earth and have affected mankind both positively and negatively throughout history and prehistory. We will discover answers to such relevant questions as: What are the effects of erosion? How can a volcano be both constructive and destructive at the same time? We will also study how we can utilize technology and human ingenuity to help minimize the harmful effects of these forces as well as to harness their energy to help mankind. At the conclusion of this unit, our students will develop a service plan to combat the destructive forces at work that can be implemented at Mountain Park and/or in our community.

Our SEM units will have interest based research, related field trips/speakers, and possibly labs. Additional SEM units are being developed for the 2008-09 school year. More information will be relayed to you as the year progresses. This upcoming year promises to be the best ever, and we look forward to working together with you!

Sincerely,

Your Fifth Grade Team