

# The 5S Times

Welcome to 5S  
Created by the class of 5S  
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## Martin Luther King Jr.

On January 15, 1929, Martin Luther King Jr. was born in Atlanta, Georgia. In 1935 he had to start school and he couldn't go with his white friends. He also couldn't play with them. He had to go to a school for black people only. When he was 15, he finished high school, and started college. Martin met Coretta Scott when he was going to Boston to get his PhD. They got married in 1953. In 1954 they moved to Montgomery, Alabama. He became a pastor there. In 1955, he led a group of black people that were protesting the seating arrangements on public buses. He gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech on August 28, 1963. He received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. He was shot and killed in 1968. Martin Luther King Jr. was a man who believed in equality for all people. He believed in peaceful methods to achieve that equality. We honor this man and his achievements with a special day of remembrance in January.



## 5S Specials Schedule Change

On January 23, 2012, we are going to change our specials for the semester. The only change is that we will have Art class on Monday as well as on Wednesday. All other special subject classes remain the same.

## Research Project

We have started a research project in writing class. We first had to pick our three favorite topics to research. A topic was chosen and we began to search for books on our topic at the Dawson library or the Gale Free Library. Our research will come from an encyclopedia entry, a library book, and an internet source, and another source of our choice. We will work with Mrs. St. Germain to come up with several questions and a thesis statement to guide our research.

We will use the IIM process. The Independent Investigation Method is a process that teaches students the basic skills of research. We will learn the skills of starting with a topic, gathering and organizing facts, and creating a research paper and a visual representation. All research paper creation and the visual representation creation will be completed in class.

Research projects include topics in many different topics. We will research historical events, biographies, animals, places, and companies.



For your  
Calendar

Jan 16  
No School

Jan 23  
Specials Change

Jan 25  
Prof Develop

Jan 27  
IALAC

Jan 30  
Author Visit

Feb 3  
Report Cards

## JAM School Program

The Wachusett District has joined the JAM School Program. The JAM School Program is a program of physical movement that can be completed in the classroom at any time. This program provides weekly fun energizers and simple healthier habit ideas. These exercises are a great way to refocus a class and stay more active during the day. We are participating in JAMmin' Minute in the afternoon. JAMmin' Minute is a one minute physical activity routine with 5 simple exercises to get kids moving inside the classroom. Some routines are done sitting in a chair and others are done standing in place. It is a lot of fun and it gets our brains moving in the afternoon.

## Square One Art

This semester in art class we are making a Square One Art project. The Square One Art project consists of a drawing on a special paper square. Then, the company puts the drawing on an article of our choosing such as a puzzle, a pillow, a jewelry box, a sketch book, or a calendar. This project is sponsored by the PTA.

## Weather

We have had much less snow this year than normal. We have had only one big snow storm, and that was the Halloween storm. Recently, it has been pretty cold outside and we have only gotten a few inches of snow this January. It is amazing as last year we had a record breaking amount of snow.

## The 2012 Super Bowl

The NFL Super Bowl will take place at Lucas Oil Stadium, in Indianapolis Indiana, the stadium of the Indianapolis Colts. The Super Bowl is the championship for football. There are always a lot of new funny commercials during it. This is the game where a team from the AFC faces a team from the NFC for the NFL championship. The trophy is called the Vince Lombardi Trophy. The winning team is also awarded a championship ring.

**Fun Fact:** A football field is 360 ft long, which is 120 yards

## Healthy Tip

Our healthy tip for the month is to not eat three hours before bedtime. It will let your body wind down for the night. Anything you eat within those hours will become body fat. We will provide a healthy tip each month in our newsletter.

## Paperless 5S

Our newsletter will be on the WRSD web site for Dawson School. Our school district is trying to save paper. Saving paper is good for the environment. Please look for our newsletter and all Dawson School information on the WRSD website and click on Dawson School. [www.wrsd.net](http://www.wrsd.net)

Our newsletter will be in the Grade 5 section in 5S – Mrs. St. Germain.

