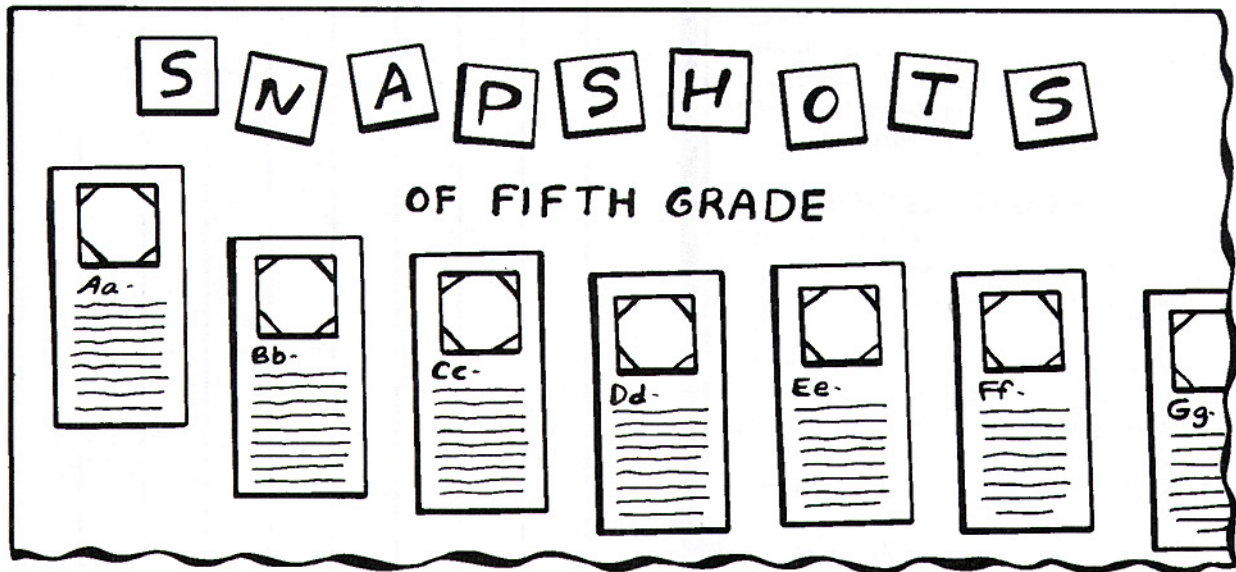


Snapshots of the Year

End of the Year

Wrap up the school year with a bulletin board that reflects the year's highlights.



Materials

Snapshot template (page 64)

Setting Up

- ◆ Cover your board with bulletin-board paper—any color will work. Create a title strip that reads **SNAPSHOTS OF** (your grade level) and staple it to the bulletin board. For an extra touch, write each letter in the title inside a snapshot frame and staple it to the bulletin board.

Creating the Bulletin Board

- ◆ Write the letters A to Z on the blackboard or down the left side of a large sheet of chart paper.
- ◆ As a class, brainstorm all of the activities, units, field trips, assemblies, and events of the past school year that begin with each letter.
- ◆ Decide which item from each list best represents the grade's experience.
- ◆ Ask each student to select one item or topic to illustrate and describe. Pass out copies of the Snapshot template to the class. Students should draw a detailed picture of their topic in the snapshot frame. On the top line of the template, students should write the upper- and lower-case letter for their topic and the name of their topic. On the lines below, students can write a short paragraph about the topic.
- ◆ Collect the completed snapshots and hang them in alphabetical order on the bulletin board. This activity is a wonderful way for the students to reflect on all that has happened over the past year.
- ◆ You can also use this bulletin board as a culminating activity for any major unit.

