**5th Grade Vocabulary, Chapter 4**

**In 5th grade we begin doing our vocabulary in a different way! At the beginning of each chapter you will be given a list of vocabulary words and definitions you are responsible for. Every day we will cover new terms. Your homework each night is to write the word(s) we covered into the vocabulary section of your composition book and also make a new flash card from your index cards. Don’t get behind. This is a great way to prepare for your test. Keep this paper in your science folder or folded in the vocabulary section of your composition book. We will use this sheet to begin reciting the vocabulary on the first day of each new chapter. Composition books and vocabulary cards will be graded during your test on test day. Always remember to have your vocabulary done on time!**

Begin this vocabulary section by writing this header at the top of your page:

**Ecosystem, Communities & Biomes**

1. Community – a group of living things of different species found in an ecosystem
2. Ecosystem – all the living and nonliving things that interact with one another in a given area
3. Population – all the members of the same type of organism living in an ecosystem
4. Biome – a large group of similar ecosystems
5. Climate – type of weather that occurs in an area over a long period of time
6. Desert – a very dry area
7. Grasslands – land covered by grasses with few trees
8. Taiga – area that has long, severe winters and short, cool winters
9. Temperate forests – forests that experience four distinct seasons: summer, fall, winter, and spring
10. Tropical rain forests – forests that are both very hot and very rainy
11. Tundra – Earth’s coldest biome
12. Food Chain – description of how energy in an ecosystem flows from one organism to another
13. Food Web – description of all the food chains in an ecosystem

This vocabulary is due before the next test. Write each word and definition in your composition book and also make a vocabulary card. Please have them finished on time!