**5th Grade Vocabulary, Chapter 5**

**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:

**Life in Ecosystems**

1. Adaptation – a physical or behavioral trait that helps an organism survive in its habitat
2. Habitat – the natural environment where an organism lives
3. Niche – the role or job of an organism in its habitat
4. Symbiosis – a close, long-lasting relationship between species
5. Extinction – when all members of a species die out
6. Population – all the organisms of a given species that live together in the same area
7. Predator – an animal that hunts and eats other animals
8. Prey – an animal that is hunted and eaten by predators
9. Endangered species – species close to becoming extinct
10. Pollution – addition of harmful substances to the environment
11. Threatened species – species close to becoming extinct

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!

This will be due on the same day as your Chapter 4 vocabulary!!