

## *Newsletter February 8, 2019*

*Greetings 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents,*

**Reading:** - We will have a test on "The Great Fire" which we read in our Journey book on **Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**.

We will start our next novel Extra Credit by Andrew Clements next week.

Thank you for sending in the book with your student.

Students should also continue to read their AR books at home and complete their reading logs that are due on Friday.

Please encourage your children to read at least 20 minutes every night. Thank you for your help and support in this matter.

**Vocabulary** - Next week we will work on the vocabulary words from our new novel. Vocabulary test on Unit 6 words on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Spelling:** The spelling words next week will be the words from the List 9.

**Writing:** - All students have the "Person" that they will be researching. They were given a set of questions to help them focus on their research. Research will be done at home and they will need at least 1 book source in addition to internet sources. Please remind them that they need to write down the websites they get

*their information from. We will review how to do a bibliography next week.*

*Ms. Vertucci came in last week and did a lesson on what is needed for researching a topic and how to write a bibliography. After the essay is written, they will dress in their person and present to the class. Date of presentation to follow*

**Science:** *Our next couple of lessons are on The Interactions Among Earth's Systems.*

**Social Studies:** *Next week we will be working on The Plymouth Colony, The French and The Dutch.*

**Religion:**

*In the upcoming week we will be learning more about the celebration of the Eucharist and the parts of the Liturgy and associated prayers and how they all connect to the life of Jesus and the Sacraments. We have also started discussions about Lent; it is heartwarming to see the children want to understand more, not only about Jesus' sacrifice; but, how he felt during those days.*

**Math:**

*Last week I returned the fractions test that the class completed. Those not showing mastery with the concepts of factors and multiples were given targeted homework and practice as these are key to the work we will be doing in the weeks ahead. There were questions about having to do this, because they did get passing and*

*higher grades on the test; however, if they did not get the majority of one type of problem correct, I gave them the extra practice. We took an update assessment on Friday to measure our progress in those areas. We spent time reviewing equivalent and simplifying fractions; we now will be working with unlike denominators for adding and subtracting, as well as working on multiplication and division. In the upcoming week, we will also begin exploring angles and measurement concepts. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.*

*If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.*

*As always, thank you for your support and dedication,*

*Mrs. Damalas*

*Have a wonderful weekend !*