

*Greetings 5th Grade Parents,
Damalas Doings in Room 108.*

Great News - Our handwriting books have arrived!

Reading:

We will be starting our first novel Esperanza Rising Next week.

Thank you to all that have sent in the novels with their students.

Vocabulary - *We will continue working in the Sadlier Vocabulary Book next week.*

Spelling: *the spelling words for next week will be the vocabulary words from our Vocabulary workbooks, Unit 1 .*

We will have a pretest on Monday with our final test on Friday. *There will be homework assigned during the week and posted on Rediker.*

A vocabulary test will follow.

Grammar: *We have been working on subjects and predicates in our Sadlier Grammar Books in addition to the Journey Workbook.*

Writing: *We are working on "Fact and Opinion" writing.*

We are currently working on teacher editing, typing our piece on Google Docs, and revising after our first printing.

Once we have our final draft completed, we will continue to use the Computer Lab to complete our writing cycle by typing and publishing our final piece using Google Docs.

Science: We are having a test on the Solar System Chapter on Wednesday, October 17th.

Look for the study guide to come home next week.

Our next unit will focus on Topic 7 - Patterns in Space
Lesson 1 is about the Earth's Gravitational Forces.

Social Studies: We will be having a test on Chapter 1 on Thursday, October 18th.

Look for a study guide to come home next week.

Math: -Assessments on factorization came home this past week; students are doing well understanding factor trees and working with prime factorization. We have also worked with identifying multiples. In the upcoming week we will be applying these skills in our work with word problems; as well as working with the distributive property (getting us ready to work with all properties and applying PEMDAS). We will also be making the connection between multiplication and division as we head towards long division in the near future! We will have a vocabulary quiz on Wednesday; and a chapter test on Friday.

Religion: - "The Church Celebrates the Seven Sacraments" and "New Life in Christ" will be our focus in the upcoming week as we learn more about Jesus in all the sacraments. The students have received their copy of "There's a Saint for That!"; a project about patron saints. During the month we will also learn about some specific patron saints. Their project will culminate in a Saint Fair where they will setup their choice piece of the project, and they will visit at least 7 of their classmates to view their presentation and take notes on 3 saints, different from their own, and write a short compare and contrast essay. The final products for their project are due October 30.

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!