

## Newsletter December 7, 2018

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

*Just a reminder that our 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
class will be singing at **Christmas Mass on**  
**Friday, December 21th.** We hope to see everyone then!*

**Handwriting** - We continue working every morning in our handwriting books. We are now very comfortable with our cursive writing and realize that practicing every day will help us meet our goal of improving our handwriting in the very near future. This week we wrote a prayer in our handwriting books to St. Nicholas, the patron Saint of children.

**Reading:** - We are all enjoying reading Esperanza Rising.

We have started working on our 3<sup>rd</sup> packet. This packet looks at Literary devices that are used throughout the book. We started with our literary circles this week. Our students have some wonderful insight on the questions and answers that they are discussing while in their circles.

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

**Vocabulary** - We will be having a **Unit 4 test on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.**

You can connect to the Vocabulary book on-line.

The website is *Sadlierconnect.com*. Each student has their username and password. If you need the zip code, please use 06470.

Please let me know if something does not work.

**Spelling**: Spelling words this week will be Spelling List 5.

**Grammar**: We are finishing up our unit in our grammar book and will be having a test. Please check Rediker for the date.

**Writing**: - We have started our Compare and Contrast writing assignment. We started with a "Gallery Walk" and have also started brainstorming and organizing our thoughts to prepare us for writing.

**Science**: We are done with the Constellation Presentations. There are some very creative projects hanging in our room! We are currently working on Topic 1 in the book!

**Social Studies:** We are finishing up this chapter and will have a test on lessons 4 and 5 in the next week. Check Rediker for test date.

**5th Grade Religion: From Mrs. B**

This week we celebrate the second week of Advent; focusing on the peace of the season. The children and I will share the stories, signs, and symbols that help us to learn more about the connections between our Advent and Christmas traditions and their secular counterpart in celebrations and decorations. Our focus this week will be on the nativity. I encourage you to share your family traditions and childhood memories of how you celebrate(d) Advent and Christmas; they are always so excited and proud to share during our discussions. Wishing you moments to pause, and enjoy, the peace of Christ during the upcoming days!

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math: From Mrs. B**

In the upcoming week we will be visiting with Aunt Sally! We will be chanting, "Please Excuse My Dear Aunt Sally", to remind us of the order of operations, Parenthesis Exponents Multiplication Division Addition Subtraction. While we work with equations learning the order to solve and investigate how a different order of solving impacts the answer, we will also be working on error analysis. We will also be working with ordered pairs. We will have a test on order of operations on Thursday.

**We are in great need of tissues. We are going through our tissues rather quickly. Any boxes sent in will be greatly appreciated.**

*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!***