

## *Newsletter January 18, 2019*

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

**Reading:** - We are continuing to read and work in our Journey Hardcover book.

*Our next novel will be Extra Credit by Andrew Clemens*

*Please send a copy in by February 1<sup>st</sup>.*

*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** - We are continuing our work in the Sadlier Vocabulary book. We are completing Unit 5.

**Spelling:** The spelling words this week will be the vocabulary words from the Sadlier Vocabulary book Unit 6.

**Writing:** - We have completed our Compare and Contrast essays. Next we will be doing a mini research paper. More information on this will follow next week.

**Science:** We are almost finished with our unit on Matter. A test will follow next week Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

*Our next unit will be on The Geosphere and Biosphere - Earth's System*

***Social Studies:*** *We have started our unit on Explorers, their expeditions, their aims, obstacles, and accomplishments.*

***Math:*** *This past week we started our unit with fractions, revisiting the overall concepts, and then revisiting lessons on greatest common factor and least common multiple to lead into common denominators for operations with fractions. We will have a quiz on this material on Wednesday. In the upcoming week, we will work with problem solving with fractions, comparing fractions, and writing fractions as decimals.*

***Religion:*** *As we begin the new quarter, we turn back to our lessons on the sacraments; beginning with the role of the Holy Spirit in the sacraments of initiation. We will also devote some of our classes to readying ourselves for Catholic School Weeks and the celebration of Catholic Education. We will have a Chapter 8 test on Thursday of the upcoming week. Have a wonderful weekend and week ahead!*

*Thank you to all of you that have sent in boxes of tissues!  
It is very much 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 !*