

Greeting 5th Grade Parents,

***A BIG THANK YOU** to our room mothers Mrs. McAloon, Mrs. Budzynski, and Mrs. Ouellette for the wonderful party they provided on Halloween. The students had a great time! Thanks you for always helping us out whenever we need it!*

*Just a reminder that there **no school on Tuesday, November 6th.***

***Thursday, November 8th** we will be going on our trip to The Discovery Museum. **Please make sure your student is at school no later than 7:35 am.** Also, please send in a bag lunch and a drink. We will be having lunch at the museum. Everyone is excited about our Mission to the Moon.*

***Conferences start on Monday, November 12th.** There will be early dismissals those 3 days. The sign up genius will be coming soon. Please sign up for 1-time slot only. If more time is needed to address your questions and concerns, we will set up a time to meet again. Looking forward to seeing you!*

A message from Mrs. Locke -

Don't forget to order cool gifts for that special family member or hard-to-buy-for person. With over 40 unique and useful keepsakes ready to purchase during the Square 1 Art fundraiser, your child's artwork is the perfect gift for any occasion or celebration. Nothing says "you're loved" like "I made this art keepsake just for you!"

It's the final days of the fundraiser, so don't delay. The school benefits with every order!

Order deadline is Nov. 9 (just a week away).

And now for Room 108 Happenings!

Handwriting - We continue working every morning in our handwriting books. We are learning how to form letters correctly and how spacing, size, shape and slant are important when forming letters. We have noticed that our cursive has been improving since the beginning of the year. Our goal for better handwriting is slowly being met!

Reading: - We are reading our novel Esperanza Rising. As we read, we talk about what is going on in the story. We look at the characters and also the way the author grabs the reader's attention. We have worked in groups, individually and as a class. The story is very interesting and we look forward to reading it every day. **Quiz on Esperanza Rising on Friday, November 9th,**

Vocabulary - We continue working in the Sadlier Vocabulary Book. We are currently working on Unit 2.

There will be a vocabulary test on Unit 2 on Wednesday, November 6th.

In our mini lessons we are learning about similes, metaphors, authors purpose and other literary devices that authors use to make their writing interesting

Spelling: *We will take a break from Spelling words next week and pick up again the following week.*

Grammar: *The next grammar unit in our Sadlier Grammar Books will focus on Lessons 5,6 and 7: compound subject, compound predicates, simple sentences and compound sentences.*

Writing: *- We have completed our Opinion Writing on Uniforms. We will be starting our next writing the week of conferences.*

Science: *We are continuing our unit - Topic 7 - Patterns in Space. Lesson 2 is about Earth's Movements in Space, Lesson 3 is on Patterns Over Time*

Social Studies: *We have almost completed reading and taking notes on the chapter in the book about Native Americans. A study guide and test will follow soon.*

5th Grade Religion: *From Mrs. B*

I am very proud of our fifth graders and the effort they put into their project! We setup the projects on Tuesday and spent time visiting each other's projects and taking notes about what we could learn from each other and their patron saint. We continue to learn more about Baptism. The children have drafted a letter and written a prayer to their future godchild. These have been very heartwarming! We are currently putting them into Google Docs to edit and to print out so we can display them. As we wrap up this topic, we will take a break in our study of the sacraments, to learn more about the Liturgical Calendar and Year as we prepare for the upcoming Advent season.

5th Grade Math: From Mrs. B

We are digging into long division. While this is a topic that typical is met with groans, the class seems to be enjoying it, maybe not the best choice of words, but they are certainly giving their all out effort and showing determination in moving forward and challenging themselves. This week we added different strategy notes to our notebooks. As we work through concepts and are introduced to different strategies, the children are encouraged to pick the one that works best for them. We head back to decimals after this topic to work with multiplying and dividing decimals.

We are in 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!