

Newsletter November 9, 2018

Hello 5th Grade Parents,

Thank you to all the moms that chaperoned on the field trip to The Discovery Museum.

We had a great time with our jobs at Mission Control and the Space Craft! It was a fabulous experience that coincided with our Science Unit and our reading of Team Moon.

Please send in canned goods for our food drive. Last day is Monday!

Yankee Candle orders due Monday.

We will be visiting the Book Fair on Monday to preview the books available.

Conferences start on Monday, November 12th. There will be early dismissals those 3 days. 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. Remember, these are student led conferences. Looking forward to seeing you then!

*Just wanted to let everyone know that our 5th grade class will be singing at **Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday, November 21st.** We hope to see everyone then!*

Handwriting - *We continue working every morning in our handwriting books. We are starting to feel comfortable with our cursive writing and realize that practicing every day will help us meet our goal of improving our handwriting.*

Reading: - *We are reading the novel Esperanza Rising We have been doing a packet with a Photo Gallery Walk.*

Vocabulary - *We continue working in the Sadlier Vocabulary Book. We will be working on Unit 3 next week. 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: *Our Spelling words this week will be the vocabulary words from Unit 3 in our Vocabulary book.*

Spelling test will be Friday.

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: *- Our next writing assignment will be a descriptive piece. We have started working on it this week.*

Science: *We are continuing our unit - Topic 7 -*

Our last lesson in the chapter is

Lesson 3 - Patterns Over Time. We will be having a test on this chapter soon. Look for a study guide to come home soon.

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

We have wrapped up our study of baptism; finishing up with an assessment. In the upcoming week, 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. As we get closer to Thanksgiving, we will also focus on blessings and gratitude; the children will be working on prayers and reflections about being grateful for the many blessings we have received from God.

5th Grade Math: From Mrs. B

Despite the shortened days, we move ahead with an assessment on long division; and then we move into operations with decimals. When we were introduced to decimals earlier in the year, we took the opportunity to learn and work with addition and subtraction; so our main focus will be multiplying and dividing decimals. We will then move on to PEMDAS (Please Excuse My Dear Aunt Sally); which is the order of operations. From there will be learning about coordinate planes and ordered pairs. Fifth grade is required to learn quadrant I, but I find that our children pick this up quickly and are curious about the rest so we will learn all four quadrants; and therefore both positive and negative ordered pairs.

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!