

*Hello 5th Grade Parents,
Happenings in Room 108.*

Just a friendly reminder:

COAT DRIVE - We would love to win the PIZZA PARTY with the most coats collected during the COAT DRIVE.

ASK YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

Please send in what you can! Thank you very much for helping us get the PIZZA PARTY!

Handwriting - We are very happy to have our handwriting books. We are learning how to sit correctly, where to place our helping hand on our book to help us form letters correctly and how spacing, size, shape and slant are important when forming letters.

Reading:

We have started reading our first novel Esperanza Rising.

We have looked at some vocabulary in the book and talked about the way that author is using descriptive words so we can visualize what we are reading.

Vocabulary - We will continue working in the Sadlier Vocabulary Book. **We have completed lesson 1 and the test will be on Wednesday, October 24th.**

Spelling: the spelling words for next week will be the vocabulary words from our Vocabulary workbooks, Unit 2 .

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. **A grammar test on subjects and predicates will be on Thursday, October 25th.**

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

We are very close to completing our 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 will take a few days to read and work on some activities for our upcoming trip to the Discovery Museum. Our next unit will focus on Topic 7 - Patterns in Space. Lesson 1 is about the Earth's Gravitational Forces.

Social Studies: *We are starting the next chapter in the book. This chapter is about Native Americans.*

5th Grade Math: *From Mrs. B*

In the upcoming week we will be working on multi-digit multiplication and long division. Based on Friday's test and pretest of multi-digit multiplication and long division students will be grouped for classwork and homework will be assigned based on groupings. We will have a test on Friday. We completed STAR Math Testing; we will share the results during conference week.

5th Grade Religion: *From Mrs. B*

We will be working on our saint essay next week; students started research on Thursday. Note taking and creating well written paragraphs from notes will be covered in class. To help the students stay organized and apply time management skills, the last page of their project packet is a log of their work. I will be checking their periodically to make sure they are spreading out the time for the different tasks. The Sacraments of initiation will be our focus in the upcoming weeks.

We have completed our STAR Testing. Results will be shared during Conference week.

We are in need of tissues. 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!