

Newsletter November 29, 2018

Greetings 5th Grade Parents,

Our Turkey Bowl on Wednesday was a big success. It was a little chilly but all the kids were bundled up and enjoyed themselves!

*Just to let everyone know that our 5th 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 starting to feel comfortable with our cursive writing and realize that practicing every day will help us meet our goal of improving our handwriting.*

We also write a daily quote in our handwriting notebook!

We have added a writing prompt every other day to our morning work. We write a paragraph or two on a picture or a prompt in our writing book. We have come up with some pretty interesting paragraphs.

Reading: - We are reading Esperanza Rising.

We have been working on our 2nd packet. This packet looks at Literary devices that are used throughout the book. We are starting literary circles this week. We will begin work on our third packet next week.

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

Vocabulary - We will start working on Unit 4 and a test will follow.

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 will be the Vocabulary words of Unit 4. Test will be on Friday.

Grammar: We are finishing up Lessons 6 and 7 and will have a test. Please check Rediker for the date.

Writing: - Our next writing assignment will be a Compare and Contrast Essay. We will start working on that next week.

Science: Test on Topic 7 -Wednesday, December 6th.

Constellations project due December 4th.

We will next do Topic 1 - Matter

Social Studies: We will finish lessons 4 and 5 in the next week and a test will follow.

5th Grade Religion: From Mrs. B

Welcome to the first week of Advent! We have been learning about the Liturgical Year and Calendar and now, right on time, we are going to be learning more about Advent and the Christmas 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. I am wishing you a blessed and peace-filled Advent week!

5th Grade Math: From Mrs. B

We are working on our decimal operations of multiplication and division. These can be a bit challenging so we are using a lot of practice and in class review to get these skills mastered. We are then going 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 since we are moving at a steady pace and picking concepts up so well, we are going to go for 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!