

Greeting 5th Grade Parents,

Happenings in Room 108.

Handwriting - *We have been 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.*

Reading: - *We are reading 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.*

Vocabulary - *We continue working in the Sadlier Vocabulary Book. We are doing Unit 2. In the unit we look at synonyms, antonyms, word definitions and multiple word meanings. **There will be a vocabulary test on Unit 2 on Thursday, November 1st.***

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 will focus on compound subject, compound predicates, simple sentences and compound sentences.

Writing: - We are very close to completing our Opinion Writing. Our final draft is being completed on Google Docs and we are working hard to get our final copy published in the next week.

Science: We have started our next unit - Topic 7 - Patterns in Space. Lesson 1 is about the Earth's Gravitational Forces. **Quiz on lesson 1 Tuesday Oct. 30th.**

Social Studies: We have started reading and taking notes on the next chapter in the book. This chapter is about Native Americans.

5th Grade Math: From Mrs. B

We are working on both multi-digit multiplication and the beginnings of long division. At this point we are working in smaller groups on the topic and pace that will help us become the most proficient in both skills. For those who are quickly mastering these concepts, they are working on challenge work and more application activities to reinforce the skills while working on critical thinking and problem solving strategies.

5th Grade Religion: From Mrs. B

We are looking forward to sharing our "There's A Saint For That!" project. In the upcoming week we will transform our classroom into a tour of patron saints! The children will have an opportunity to visit the patron saints of their classmates to learn about the many different saints that we pray to for different reasons.

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!