

Hello 5th grade Parents,

We are very busy in Room 108.

Here are some of the things we are working on:

Reading:

We have finished reading our first story "Team Moon." We learned quite a bit about travel to the moon and what it takes to get a moon mission like that "off the ground."

We will be having a test on the story on Wednesday September, 26th.

Monday, Sept. 24th. we are starting a new lesson.

We will be reading the story "The School Story."

The essential question for this section is "How can the choices you make affect relationships with other people?"

The target skills are understanding characters, dialogue, and simile.

Vocabulary words for next week will focus on the following prefixes: dis-, es-, inter-, non-. **Our vocabulary test will be on Thursday, Sept. 27th.**

Spelling: the words this week are also in our Journeys workbook. **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.

We are working on short vowel sounds.

Grammar: We have been working on irregular verbs and past participle. Next week we will focus on sentences writing.

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

We are currently working on brainstorming and prewriting for our opinion piece. Once we have our final draft completed, we will use the Computer Lab to complete our writing cycle by typing and publishing our piece using Google Docs.

Science: We finished our lesson on the Sun and the Stars. The students will be getting a Sun Project and we will go over the Scoring Rubric so they understand the expectations for their final product. Due dates will be given next week along with the rubric.

Our next lesson in Science will be on the inner planets of our Solar System.

Social Studies: We are finished reviewing map skills and terms. **We will be having a test on map skills and terms on Tuesday, Sept. 26th.**

We are also working on the second region of the US, the Southeast.

Math: -We will continue our work with whole and decimal numbers; rounding and adding/subtracting with decimals; and working with multiplying multi-digit numbers. In

addition to these topics, we will continue to work on application of concepts with extension activities, like our Decimal Place Advertisement, and working with multi-step word problems. We will have a Math Test on Wednesday (all Place Value topics including vocabulary); and a multiplication (multi-digit) quiz on Friday.

Religion: -"Jesus shares His mission with the Church" is our topic for the new week. We will celebrate being called to serve and explore the many ways we can put our faith into action through our deeds to help others. As evangelists, we will explore how we can proclaim and live the Good News to grow Christ's Church. Thursday we will have a test on Chapter 2, including vocabulary and written response questions.

As you can see our week is full! The students work hard and do their best.

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

