

*Greetings 5<sup>th</sup> grade Parents,*

*Another busy week in Room 108.*

*Here are some of the things we are working on:*

**Reading:**

*We started 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 will focus on the following prefixes: dis-, es-, inter-, non-. **Our vocabulary test will be on Wednesday, October 3rd.**

**Spelling:** the words next week will be List 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.

We are working on short "i," short "o" and short "u" sounds.

**Grammar:** We have been working on types of sentences, subjects and predicates. **Test on irregular verbs on Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

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

We are currently working on our rough draft. 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:** Sun Project is due Wednesday, October 3rd.

We are learning about the planets and the Solar System.

We are also working in groups to design an experiment to determine how a planet's distance from the sun affects its path. We will be working on this in the lab next week.

**Social Studies:** We are learning how the nation's geography differs as you travel across the US.

We will be having a test on the southeast region on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Math:** - We will continue our work with addition and subtraction with decimals. Before working with multiplication and division of decimals, we will be working on strategies for multi-digit multiplication and division. In the upcoming week, we will be applying skills as we work more with error analysis and multi-step word problems. We will do a review of the CUBES method for our word problems. Thursday, October 4th, we will have a chapter checkpoint quiz for our current chapter.

**Religion:** - "The Church Celebrates Seven Sacraments" will be our focus for the upcoming week. We will learn how the Sacraments are a sign of Jesus' love. This will be our introduction to our study of the Sacraments and an overview of each of the seven; before, we learn about each one in depth in the weeks ahead.

**Tuesday, October 2nd, we will have a test on Chapter 2, including vocabulary and written response questions (this is the test from last week's chapter).**

Thank you to all who have sent in the novel Esperanza Rising. We will be starting that book in the next week or so.

Thank you also to those of you that have been sending in tissues and hand sanitizers!! They do go quite fast!

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