

Newsletter January 11, 2019

Happy 2019 5th Grade Parents,

2019 is off to a great start in Room 108!

We are back at work and in our routine once again!

Reading: - *We have started reading in the Journey book an autobiography about the author Jerry Spinelli.*

I will keep everyone posted on our next novel and when we will be starting that book.

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

Please encourage your children to read at least 20 minutes every night. Thank you for your help and support.

Vocabulary - *The vocabulary words for this week are words in our Journey book.*

A test will follow on these 10 words next Wednesday.

Next week we will go back to the Sadlier Vocabulary book.

Spelling: *Next week the spelling words will be the vocabulary words from the Sadlier Vocabulary book*

Grammar: *We have just finished working on Common and Proper Nouns. Next, we will look at singular and plural nouns.*

A test will follow. Please ask your student and check Rediker for the date.

Writing: - *We have been moving along with our Compare and Contrast writing assignment. We have started teacher editing and we should have a completed writing next week.*

Science: *We are almost finished with our unit on Matter. A test will follow next week on Friday, January 18.*

Social Studies: *We have started our unit on Explorers and their expeditions. Our test will be on Tuesday, January 15th.*

Math: *We have completed our testing on ordered pairs and will be starting our unit with fractions next week. The students will be given a pre-assessment as there are several concepts they mastered in fourth grade and, if they are still showing mastery of those, we will move ahead into the more challenging concepts in operations with fractions.*

Religion: *The children were very proud and excited to finish up their Liturgical Calendar Game this week! They did a wonderful job demonstrating their understanding of the Liturgical seasons and the feasts and celebrations throughout the year. After completing their games, we had an opportunity to swap games and they took turns at playing a round of each other's games and completing an evaluation. We also took a unit test, intended mainly for review of main topics and vocabulary from the first half of the year. We will be picking up on our study of Sacraments before beginning our lessons for Lent, which begins in March.*

We are in great need of tissues. We are going through our tissues rather quickly. Any boxes sent in will be greatly appreciated. Thank you to all of you that have sent in boxes of tissues!

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 and a great 2019!