

5th Grade News



Hello! I hope that everyone had a nice weekend. With this crisp weather, it is finally starting to feel like fall! Last week, students picked the theme for the scarecrow contest: Mario and Luigi! I cannot wait to see what they will create. I also want to thank those who ordered from Scholastic last month. Due to your generosity, we were able to get 9 new books for the classroom library. Please continue your support this month as well. Congratulations to **Nina McElreath** and **Blake Riley** for being **Students of the Week** for the week of 10/8.

Important News:

- ❖ Please be sure that you have your child redo any assignments graded 65% or below, and also have your child send it in with your signature. It is an easy way to raise their grade.
- ❖ **If a homework assignment is late 2 weeks late, I will no longer accept it.**
- ❖ If your child needs any homework accommodations, please let me know through my email.
- ❖ Students will create the class scarecrows during recess on **Monday, 10/15.**
- ❖ There is a rehearsal for the Living Rosary at the Parish on **Tuesday, 10/16.**
- ❖ School photos are **Wednesday, 10/17.** Please make sure the students are wearing their winter uniforms.
- ❖ Jogathon is on **Friday, 10/19.** We will meet at the school, and then head out to Windell Field for the event in the morning. In the afternoon, students will continue to watch the movie, The Sound of Music, which relates to World War II in Austria, which relates to their book, Number the Stars.
- ❖ **Please continue to send in boxtops!**
- ❖ **October Scholastic Book Orders** are due **Friday, 10/26.** You can do paper or on-line orders. Remember, the more books we buy, the more books that will go into our classroom library!!
- ❖ **Scrapbook Book Report** is due **Friday, 11/2.** I have sent home a list of books each student has chosen for the report. If you have any questions, please contact me!

Academics:

Language Arts: Last week, students combined 2 simple subjects to create a compound subject. This week, students will combine 2 simple predicates to create a compound predicate. They will also correct

common errors in run-on sentences. Next week, they will have a test on what they have studied with subjects and predicates.

Vocabulary: Students will be finishing up Unit 2 this week. On Tuesday, students will participate in a spelling and vocabulary review game. On Wednesday, students will have their test. Please make sure that students practice their spelling, definitions, synonyms, and antonyms.

Reading: Last week, we read Ch. 5-6 Number the Stars This week, students will read Ch. 7-8 in class and discuss predictions and characters. Students will also have the choice to create a diamante poem about two characters or a part of speech poem about one character. Students will also pretend to be Annemarie and write and draw a postcard to her Papa about her "adventure."

Social Studies: Students will continue reading about how early people traveled from Asia to North America during the Ice Age. Students will discuss how scientists are able to determine how ancient people lived based on recovered artifacts. Next week, we will start learning about the different ancient cultures of North America.

Religion: Students will continue reading Ch. 1: We Are a Worshipping People. This week, students will identify personal and communal prayer, ways of expressing God's love through words and actions, and why we worship God. We will review on Wednesday and have the test on Ch. 1 on Thursday.

Math: We are finishing up our first chapter this week. We will review the chapter's concepts, work on story problems in class, and identify Roman numerals. Our lesson on Roman numerals will be fun but challenging. They will have access to a chart of Roman numerals for their upcoming test next week.

Science: We will study identifying characteristics of asteroids, meteoroids, dwarf planets, and comets. We will also describe what the two motions of Earth are: what causes day and night, and why the moon and stars appear to move across the sky.

On the Calendar:

10/15: 9 AM Mass

10/15: Scarecrow Decorating (11:30-12:00)

10/16: Living Rosary Rehearsal at Parish (2:00)

10/17: School Photos (1:00)

10/17: Unit 2 Spelling/Vocabulary Test

10/18: Number the Stars Section 2 Quiz: Ch. 5-8 (Open-book)

10/18: Ch. 1 Religion Test

10/19: Jogathon (postponed from last Friday)

10/23: Living Rosary at Parish (2:00)

10/24: School Store (9:20-9:50)

10/26: October Scholastic Book Orders due

11/2: Scrapbook Book Report due

*Please email me if there are any questions or concerns:
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God bless you!

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