

5th Grade News



Hello! I hope that everyone had a restful weekend after our trip to Nature's Classroom. The students, Mrs. M, and I had an amazing time exploring nature, creating from nature, and working together to complete challenges! I am so thankful that I went to Nature's Classroom with such a wonderful class and teacher! Even though we are back at Assumption school this week, the fun and learning will continue! I also want to congratulate **Janie Belsito** for being our first Student of the Week for the week of 9/10.

Important News:

- ❖ We have 9 AM Mass this **Monday, 9/24**.
- ❖ Nature's Classroom journals are due on **Monday, 9/24**. It will be used for a school project.
- ❖ Visual Examinations will take place on **Tuesday, 9/25** from 9:30-10:10.
- ❖ Please make sure that students are in their gym uniforms and sneakers on **Thursday, 9/27**.
- ❖ The first Drama Club Meeting will be on **Thursday, 9/25**, from 3 to 4:30.
- ❖ **September Scholastic Book Orders** will be due on **Friday, 9/28!** You can do **paper orders** or **online orders**. Remember, the more books that we order, the more books that go into our classroom library!!
- ❖ Please send in boxtops to support the school!
- ❖ **A note from Ms. Loughlin and Mrs. Olson:** If a child receives a 65% or less, they can redo the assignment, on their own, for a higher grade. There are times that we want them to redo the assignment, as the concept is important, and we will write REDO at the top of their paper. For Ms. Loughlin, a parent's signature is required along with the assignment that will be redone.
- ❖ Please continue to check and sign assignment notebooks. In addition, please continue to check over your child's work.

Academics:

Language Arts: Students will review identifying the two parts of a sentence: subjects and predicates. Students will find not only the complete subjects and predicates, but also the simple subjects and simple predicates in sentences. Students will also work on their Nature's Classroom Letter Projects. They will take one of their journal entries, edit it as a letter, and then write a final draft for a book that I will be creating for the class.

Vocabulary: We will begin Unit 1 Vocabulary this week. Homework will be due this Thursday and next Tuesday. We will correct the homework in

class. Please encourage your child to study the spelling and definitions of each word daily.

Reading: We will start reading our first novel, and one of my favorite books, this year: *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry. We will study the author, her inspiration for the story, the setting, the genre, and the vocabulary in the first section of the story. Students will also write in reading response journals for every chapter.

Social Studies: Students will be reading and writing about the free enterprise system. Students will also review the five regions in the United States and identify renewable and nonrenewable resources in the U.S. Next Wednesday, we will have our first Social Studies Test of the year.

Religion: Students will practice praying the Rosary. Students will identify what prayers to use, their importance, and say the Rosary with the whole class. Students will also review the Liturgical Year with their own calendars. On Wednesday, we will complete a Liturgical Year study guide, and on Friday, we will have a quiz on the holidays and feasts.

Math: Our lessons will begin with comparing and ordering numbers, rounding numbers, and reviewing the properties of addition and subtraction. We will have an addition timed-quiz on Thursday. Parents, if your child is having a problem figuring out what to do on their homework, ask them for the 4-square method. We will complete this method in class, and it will show how to solve each problem on the students' homework. Also, if your child has REDO at the top of their paper or receives a 65% or below, they should redo that assignment.

Science: What a great trip the students had to Nature's Classroom!! We will talk about the trip on Monday and will get right back into astronomy on Tuesday. This week, we will work on identifying the factors that determine which stars and constellations we see, locating them on a star map, and classifying and describing galaxies, such as the Milky Way. We have a project that we will complete in the computer lab on Friday. Please be sure that your child has colored pencils to use in my class. Thank you in advance.

On the Calendar:

9/24: 9 AM Mass

9/24-10/12: MAP Testing

9/25: Visual Examination for 5th Grade

9/27: First Drama Meeting (3:00-4:30)

9/28: Liturgical Year Quiz

9/28: September Scholastic Book Orders due

***Please email me if there are any questions or concerns:**

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God bless you!

Ms. Cara Loughlin

