



What is happening in the Classroom....

I hope that everyone had a nice weekend. The long 4-day weekend was sure nice! I had a wonderful visit with my family, as my parents, brother and sister came out and we explored Boston. There were a few new places we visited such as the Boston Public Library, but most were places where we take all of our visitors when they come to the East Coast. We also toured another college with my son on Monday.

Our first book report is coming due! The book should be finished being read by this Friday and the report is due on Monday, October 29th. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email or write me a note.

Boxtops for Education- Keep sending them in! We appreciate it-a few of our students have really brought in a bunch!!!!

Our Jogathon, as long as the weather cooperates, will be this Friday. I have made plans for the day, just in case the weather does not hold out. The tests we have this week are on our novel Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing and in Religion. I have those planned for Thursday.

Our picture day is scheduled for October 17th. Please look for more information coming soon.

This Friday is the day that our first progress report is available. Please be sure to check out your child's grades. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask!

Our students are asked to bring in a pumpkin to decorate in art class on October 25th. The size of the pumpkin should be pie sized (not the tiny ones, but the middle sized ones). These will be used at the All Saints Day Mass on November 1st. Thank you in advance for bringing in a pumpkin for your child.

If your child has an Incomplete within their grades this means that they were absent and need to complete and turn in the assignment. If there is a Zero, that means the assignment was not turned in on time and they will need to get it turned in to me.

4th/5th Homework Policy: If a student has not completed the homework, the students will receive a homework slip. The homework slip must be signed by the parent and must be passed in the following day with the missing homework. If a student receives 3 homework slips, the student will have a detention with Ms. Loughlin or Mrs. Olson



Onto Business...

Religion: This week we will continue our talk about how God speaks to us through the church. We will review chapter 3 and have a test on Thursday. I will send a study guide home on Tuesday.

Math: As we begin chapter 2 we will take a look at addition strategies (making 10's and finding doubles) and subtraction concepts. As always there will be a 4 square sent home outlining how the problems should be

solved for each section of homework. We will also have an addition timed quiz this week. The kids are doing very well on these quizzes and I may move them to 4.5 minutes soon. I, of course, will let you know in plenty of time when that will happen. =)

Science: I am so proud of each of these students for their excellent work on their first science test. They truly did a great job studying for this test! Thank you so much! We begin our next unit with vascular and nonvascular plants and move onto photosynthesis and how plants reproduce. We will have many little experiments going on in our classroom this week.

Reading: We are winding down on our first novel, Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing. Last we read about how the title of the novel came to be and how Peter felt after his brother was able to partake in a commercial. This week Fudge does the ultimate No-No! Find out how the novel ends by asking your child what Chapter 10 was all about. Our final test will be on Thursday. There will be comprehension questions and vocabulary. I will send home their folder for them to study from.

Social Studies: This week will conclude our study of 3 levels of government and 3 branches of government. We will read and identify jobs of each branch. On Thursday, we will have a review game and quiz on the 3 branches of government. On Friday, their Bill of Rights projects are due. They will present them on Monday.

Vocabulary: Students will begin Unit 2 this week. Students will review the words, make flashcards, and complete homework for Thursday. Please make sure the students study the words' spelling, definitions, synonyms, and antonyms every night.

Language: Students will create a lesson on how to teach the difference between subjects and predicates. They will present their lessons to the class.

Our Calendar....



Happy Birthday to Ryan Shaughnessy on 10/10

October 12th: Jogathon, Windle Field, Progress reports available on Edge

October 15th: Mass 9 AM

October 17th: Picture Day

October 19th: Jogathon Rain Date

October 20th: Halloween Party 1-5 PM

October 22nd: Mass

October 23rd: Living Rosary 2 PM in the church

Have a great week!

Mrs. Olson

5th Grade Science: Our first test will be given this week. The study guide was sent home last Thursday for them to look over the information over the long weekend. After the test on Wednesday we dive into describing the planets in our solar system.

5th Grade Math: Our math lessons take us to addition with more than 3 addends, and subtraction with zeroes this week. I will continue to send the 4 squares home each night to help them with their homework.