

5th Grade News



I hope that everyone had a relaxing and fun Thanksgiving with their families last week. I loved spending time with my family as well. I also want to commend my 5th grade for bringing in 348 items for the food drive this year. We had a record number of food items this year, and 5th grade made a big contribution. The students have worked so hard! Congratulations to **Alex Overstreet**, our **Student of the Week**, **Emma Schillinger**, our **Awesome Cleaner**, and **William Blash**, our **Amazing Planner Checker**, for the week of 11/12.

Important News:

- ❖ The Drama Club's performance of That's Christmas will be on **Thursday, 11/29**, at 1:30 in the Parish. All are welcome to attend! If your child is part of the show, please make sure he or she brings in his or her costume!
- ❖ The Christmas Shoppes will be on **Wednesday, 12/5**, from 11:00-11:30. Please make sure students have money to spend to buy presents!
- ❖ **December Scholastic Book Orders** are due next **Thursday, 12/6**. You can do paper or online orders. Remember, the more books you buy, the more books that will go into the Classroom Library. Even buying 1 book can make a big difference!
- ❖ There will be no school on **Friday, 12/7**, since it is a Religious Enrichment Day for the teachers.
- ❖ Please continue to send in boxtops!
- ❖ Please make sure to check and sign your child's planner.

Academics:

Language Arts: Students will present their Personal Narratives to their classmates. They have worked so hard on them, and I have enjoyed reading all of them. Students will also read and perform a play about Thomas Edison. Students will start reviewing parts of speech. We will begin with the features of a noun.

Vocabulary/Spelling: Unit 5 Vocabulary begins this week. Students will make flash cards to use when studying at home. Spelling corrections from the pretest on Monday will be due Tuesday. Don't forget to initial the spelling practice record sheet for the vocabulary words. Please make sure to practice spelling with your child every day and initial each time you practice. **The student will pass in the record sheet next week on Friday.**

Reading: So far in The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, Lucy discovers the land of Narnia inside a wardrobe and befriends the faun,

Mr. Tumnus. When she come back, her sibilings, especially Edmund, do not believe her. When she goes to Narnia again, Edmund secretly follows her into the wardrobe. When he arrives, he meets the Queen of Narnia! The students will continue reading Ch. 4 through 7 this week. Students will continue writing their journal entries as a main character from the story. Students will also practice making inferences and understanding the actions of the characters.

Social Studies: Students will finish up the chapter on the Native Americans of North America by reading about the Hopi tribe. Students will compare the Hopi natives' lives 300 years ago and in the present day. Students will also create totem poles. Students will play a review game on Chapter 2 on Thursday and will complete the test on Friday.

Religion: Students will begin Chapter 4: Confirmation is the Sacrament of the Holy Spirit. Students will read the story about the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and explain how the sacrament of Confirmation strengthens our faith. Students will also read about St. Damian and St. Marianne of Molokai and how they themselves can give witness to God.

Math: This week, we will strengthen our knowledge in 2-digit and 3-digit multiplication. The students know the process, but most of the time get confused with the multiplication and addition within the problem. Please review their homework and have them make their corrections right away. We will have a 4.5-minute multiplication quiz this week, too.

Science: We have many things to learn this week! We will work on describing the structure of an atom, identifying the valence electrons, and using a diagram to represent atoms of elements. If we have time, will also work on describing compounds, organic and inorganic, and elements in a chemical formula.

On the Calendar:

11/26: 9 AM Mass

11/28: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe Section 1 (Ch. 1- 4) Quiz (Open Book)

11/29: That's Christmas! Performance at the Parish (1:30)

11/30: Chapter 2 Social Studies Test

12/3: The Sign of the Beaver Timeline Book Report due

12/5: Christmas Shoppes at the Parish Hall (11:00-11:30)

12/6: December Scholastic Book Orders due

12/7: No School (Religious Enrichment Day)

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

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God bless you!

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