



What is happening in the Classroom....

I hope that everyone had a great Halloween week! It was a week that moved quick! Our weekend was once again spent watching my son race. He is continuing to do well and exceed even his own goals. Next week is Districts and he is hoping to do well, to hopefully qualify for state!

We are now beginning second quarter. Each student starts out with an *A* in all of my classes and it is up to them to work hard to keep that *A.* I know they can reach that goal with some hard work and determination!

A big thank you goes out to Mrs. Wiehn, Mrs. Stringer, and Mr. Dorsey as they coordinated the food and fun at our Halloween party! I would like to also thank each of the parents that donated items for our party. It was a great celebration of Halloween.

Our classroom has set a goal of gathering at least 500 items for the food drive. As of Friday, we collected 363 items. So, 137 more to go! Keep them coming in to help those in need in our area. The food drive ends on November 15th.

Our next book report for quarter two will be a recipe. I have a format to follow along with an example. I would love to see more detail (2-4 sentences) in what the kids write for this report. It will be due on January 11th.

I would like to thank all of the 4th grade students who have stepped up to help out at our school Masses. So far, we have had altar servers, readers and greeters!

Our class is very close to achieving their 500 self-control letters. When this occurs, they will receive a special treat from me!

I would like to invite all of the parents to the PTG meeting on Thursday, November 15th. The meeting starts at 6:30 in the Parish Hall. You will receive an hour of volunteer time for joining us! I hope to see you there!

Report cards will be issued on Friday, November 9th. Check www.edge2day.com for your child's report card. IF you have any problems please contact the office for assistance. This week Edge2day.com will be down due to the teachers finishing up report cards,

Please be sure to fill out and turn in your conference forms. If for any reason you are unable to make it those two days, please drop me an email and we will set up another time.

Thanks in advance.



Onto Business.....

Religion: We are moving right along in Chapter 4 as it is a review of the unit. We will have an open book test on Friday. I will not send a study guide, but we will review in class on Wednesday and Thursday.

Math: Chapter 3 is up next! We will look at front end estimation, which has a front and a back end. Then we look at adding with regrouping, and 4-digit addition. We will continue with our 4.5-minute addition quizzes. (They did a great job at 4.5 minutes and I would really like to see what they can do with 4 minutes!!!!)

Science: Our study of gymnosperms and angiosperms ends this week. We will finish up our last lesson today on using a dichotomous key to identify trees. We will complete our study guide on Wednesday, review on Thursday, and have our test on Friday.

Reading: This past week we found out that Chester chirps a perfect middle "c." Mr. Smedley makes a prediction for what may come. Ask your kids what the prediction may be. This week we meet Sai Fong and Chester gets a new cage. We will make his special cage on Friday.

Social Studies: Students will finish Chapter 2 this week. We will have a review game on Tuesday and the test on Wednesday. As an end to the unit, students will choose a region to draw as a map. This will be an in-class project and will be continued until next week.

Language: Students will be being writing their Unit 1 Writing Piece: A Personal Narrative about a favorite vacation. Students will identify features of a Personal Narrative, brainstorm for their writing piece, construct a first draft, and compare differences between revising and editing. We will continue and finish this writing piece next week.

Vocabulary: We will introduce Unit 4 Vocabulary this week. Students will make flash cards to use when studying at home. The first vocabulary packet will be due Thursday. New starting this week, I am also sending home a 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 that in next week on Friday.



Our Calendar....

November 5th: 2nd Quarter begins

November 6th: NO AM or PM bus

November 8th: PTG sign making at A+D 6 PM

November 9th: Report cards released on Edge2day.com, Pizza Friday!

November 12th: No School in observance of Veteran's Day- Thank you to our Veterans.

November 15th: PTG Meeting 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall, Book approval for quarter 2 report.

November 15th: Food Drive Ends,

November 17th: Meat Raffle at Wheelock Inn 1 PM

Have a great week!!!

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5th Grade Math: I am looking forward to quarter two with a short review of multiplication and moving right on to double digit multiplication by the end of the week. We will use colored pencils to show all of the steps required for double digit multiplication. Continue to work on multiplication facts as we will continue to have a quiz once a week.

5th Grade Science: Our study of the moon and our solar system comes to a close this week. We will have our last lesson on lunar and solar eclipses. Our study guide will be completed on Wednesday, we will review on Thursday, and our test will be on Friday.