

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade News (Advent Edition)



It is the second week of Advent! I hope that everyone enjoyed their 3-day weekend. We have a busy couple of weeks ahead of us, but it is also filled with fun activities. I am so excited for the Christmas Program this Friday evening. Congratulations to **Blake Riley** and **Colton Connell**, our **Students of the Week**, and **Morgan Payne** and **Melada Pelletier**, our awesome **Clean-Up Crew**, for the week of 12/3.

### Important News:

- ❖ We have a rehearsal for the Christmas Program on Thursday, 12/13 at the church at 12:45.
- ❖ Any students interested in auditioning for the Spring Musical, "Annie", can come to Drama Club from 3:00-4:30 on Thursday, 12/13. The student does not need to prepare any songs.
- ❖ The Christmas Program will be on Friday, 12/14 at the church at 6:00. Students must be at the Parish hall to meet their teachers at 5:30. Please make sure that they are dressed in red, green, or white colors.
- ❖ The Barnes and Noble Book Fair will take place on Sunday, 12/16.
- ❖ The Christmas Dress-Up Day will be on Thursday, 12/20. Please make sure your child brings in \$1. They can dress in red, green, or white.
- ❖ The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Christmas Party will be on Friday, 12/21 from 2:00-2:40.

### Academics:

**Language Arts:** Students will categorize types of plural nouns through creating foldables. Students will also identify common and proper nouns. Students will also work on fun writing prompts related to Christmas identifying the singular, plural, common, and proper nouns in their own writing. They will have a Grammar Test on Nouns next week.

**Vocabulary/Spelling:** We will begin Unit 6 this week. After taking a pretest on the spelling of the words on Tuesday, the students will write any incorrect word 3 times and bring it in on Wednesday. Students will also make up flash cards for definitions. I will also send home a spelling chart for this unit. This is a homework grade, so please make sure to have your child practice the words every day, and you initial the apples on the chart. This will be due next Thursday, 12/20.

**Reading:** In The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, the 4 Pevensie children learn from Mr. and Mrs. Beaver that Aslan is the absent, but true king of Narnia, and he has come back to Narnia to defeat the White Witch. They also hear a prophecy that 2 Sons of Adam and 2 Daughters of Eve (2 human boys and 2 human girls) will also come to Narnia to help defeat the White Witch and become kings and queens of Narnia. Unfortunately, Edmund, still under the influence of the White Witch, leaves his siblings behind to tell the White Witch of their plans. The other siblings and Beaver family, realizing his betrayal, leave to go to Aslan before they are caught. Along the way, they meet Father Christmas, who tells them that the Witch's spell of eternal winter and no Christmas is breaking. He gives them gifts and tells them of the upcoming battle that will decide the fate of Narnia! This week, students will read Ch. 11-15. Please continue to check your child's journals to see

that they have written at least 3 important events from a character's point of view.

**Social Studies:** After presenting The Sign of the Beaver Timeline Projects, students will begin a new chapter on the beginning of the Age of Exploration and the Renaissance. We will complete an activity relating to the famous Silk Road. We will discuss famous explorers, such as Zheng He of China and Marco Polo of Italy, and their impact. We will also read about the African trading empires.

**Religion:** We will be discussing the season of Advent. We will identify the color and meanings of the candles of an Advent Wreath, as well as make one! We will also start working on a Jesse Tree, in which they will make ornaments for the 25 days of Christmas and decorate their own tree with the ornaments. For reaching their SELF-CONTROL goal, the students will watch The Nativity Story, which tells the beautiful story of the birth of Christ.

**Math:** We will finish Chapter 2: Multiplication this week. We will complete story problems on Monday and Tuesday, finish review on Wednesday, and do the test on Friday. We will start working on division next week.

**Science:** We are nearing the end of the unit. We will have the unit test by the end of next week. This week, we will study ionic and covalent bonding. We will identify the structural formula of a molecule at the end of the week. We will also complete several little experiments to help with the students' understanding of these areas.

**On the Calendar:**

12/10: 9 AM Mass

12/11: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe Section 3 (Ch. 9-11) Quiz (Open Book)

12/13: Christmas Program Rehearsal (12:45)

12/14: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe Section 4 (Ch. 12-14) (Open Book)

12/14: SELF-CONTROL Surprise (In the Afternoon)

12/14: Assumption School Christmas Program at the Assumption Church (6:00)

12/16: Barnes and Noble Book Fair

12/20: Christmas Dress-Up Day (\$1)

12/21: Christmas Party (2:00-2:40)

12/22-1/1: Christmas Break

1/2: Classes Resume

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

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God bless you!

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