

5th Grade News



I had so much fun decorating the classroom for one of my favorite times of year, Advent. Thank you to those who ordered books last month. I was able to put new books in the Classroom Library and Student of the Week Book Bin. I want to congratulate to **Jane Belsito**, our **Wonderful Substitute Helper**, and **Morgan Payne**, our **Excellent Paper Passer**, for the week of 12/3.

Important News:

- ❖ Happy Birthday to Melada and Emma on **Thursday, 12/6!**
- ❖ Happy Birthday to Nicholas on **Friday, 12/7!**
- ❖ 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 this **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.
- ❖ There is a PTG Meeting on **Monday, 12/10** at the Parish Hall at 6:30.
- ❖ Please continue to send in boxtops!
- ❖ **Please make sure to check and sign your child's planner.**

Academics:

Language Arts: We will review the rules of singular and plural nouns. We will especially focus on the rules of irregular plural nouns. We will create foldables and place the types of nouns into their different categories. Next week, we will continue to work on grammar rules.

Vocabulary/Spelling: We will conclude Unit 5 this week. We will play a couple of review games on Tuesday and complete the test on Thursday. 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 Thursday.**

Reading: After being enchanted by the Queen of Narnia, Edmund returns from Narnia with Lucy, only to deny its existence again in front of his older brother and sister, Peter and Susan. After some time passes, all 4 siblings find themselves in the wardrobe in order to hide from the housekeeper. They enter the land of Narnia, and after

Peter and Susan realize that Edmund has lied, they decide to go exploring. On their travels, they find out that Mr. Tumnus has been arrested by the White Witch and befriend Mr. and Mrs. Beaver, both of whom know of a great prophecy involving the 4 children. This week, students will read Ch. 8 through 11 in class. They will have an open-book quiz on Section 2. Please make sure your child completes their journal entries for each chapter as well as an illustration for each section. They will continue to work on predictions, summaries, and characters' points of view.

Social Studies: We will present The Sign of the Beaver Book Timelines this week. They have worked so hard on them, and it was a wonderful connection to the last chapter about Native Americans. I will also introduce a small project about researching a Native American Tribe. This week, we will start a new chapter on explorers from Europe who travel to the Americas. We will also identify parts of the Silk Road in Asia, which was very important in trading.

Religion: We will finish up Chapter 4 this week. We will play a review game, in which they will play for bonus points. On Wednesday, they will have take-home quiz on Chapter 4, which will be due on Thursday. Please make sure that students complete their take-home quiz. Next week, we will review the elements of Advent and Christmas.

Science: Last week, we learned about the number of protons in a nucleus being the same as the atomic number. This week, we will learn about valence electrons and compounds. The compounds that we will learn about are either organic or inorganic. We will also identify elements in a chemical formula.

Math: We are winding down our study of multiplication. The students are doing a great job being neater in their work and paying attention to the small details like multiplying correctly and adding their carries. Our focus this week is multiplication with money and story problems using one or more steps. We will have a test sometime next week.

On the Calendar:

12/3: 9 AM Mass

12/4: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe Section 2 (Ch. 5-8) Open-Book Quiz

12/5: Christmas Shoppes (11:00-11:30)

12/6: Chapter 4 Take Home Religion Quiz due

12/6: Unit 5 Spelling/Vocabulary Test

12/6: December Scholastic Book Orders due

12/7: Religious Enrichment Day (No School)

12/10: PTG Meeting at Parish Hall (6:30)

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

12/16: Barnes and Noble Book Fair

***Please email me if there are any questions or concerns:**
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God bless you!

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