

Classroom News:

A gentle reminder that 5th grade families are asked to **send in 18-20 travel size soaps**, and if you'd like to send in your leftover Halloween candy we will gladly use it for the sock project. Please bring them to 5th grade or to the front office.

We have a lot of academic work to complete the next 2 weeks so students can finish up chapters and projects before break. I appreciate you supporting your child at home to get enough rest during this busy holiday season. We will have 2 Social Studies Tests, 1 Math Test, 2 Spelling Tests, and a Religion Test before break. Students will also be finishing their small group reading novel and their Make a Difference Essay. Thank you in advance for helping them set aside 50 minutes for homework each night, along with the 20 minutes of reading.

Mark your calendars for **December 15th from 2:00 p.m. to 3:05 p.m. for our Make a Difference Presentation**. Students have been writing a persuasive essay to convince their readers to make a difference in the world. We would like to invite parents to listen to our speeches and share in spreading the hope we would like to see on Earth.

Curriculum Focus for Next Week:*Religion*

- Students will review Unit 2
- Students will take a test over Unit 2
- Students will discover special prayers and devotions that the Church uses during Advent
- Students will prepare for Advent by understanding Patience as one of the twelve Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Mathematics

- Students will solve problems involving division of numbers with 4 or 5 digits by 2 digit divisors with an estimate or calculator
- Student will determine which information is missing and identify extraneous information in problems
- Students will review for Chapter 5 Test
- Students will take a Test over Chapter 5

Reading

- Students will continue reading in small groups on the following novels:
Walk Two Moons
Bridge to Terabithia
Abel's Island
Touching Spirit Bear
- Students will demonstrate their understanding of character traits and questioning in their group books
- Students will demonstrate their understanding of foreshadowing in their group books

- Students will demonstrate their understanding of theme in their group books
- Students will demonstrate their understanding of setting/author's purpose in their group books
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Writing

- Students will recognize when homophones are the words that sound the same but have different spellings and meanings
- Students will recognize how ion, ion, sion changes word meanings
- Students will recognize the prefixes of un, dis, non, sub, ex, re
- Making a Difference Essay Revision and Editing

Social Studies

- Students will take at Test on Chapter 2
- Students will analyze the relationship between the Spanish settlers and the Native Americans
- Students will summarize the sequence of events leading to the permanent settlement of Virginia
- Students will explain the significance of the Mayflower Compact
- Students will summarize the relationship between Native Americans and the French, and between Native Americans and the Dutch

School News:

In December the 8th grade will be heading up the sock project. We collect adult-sized tube socks and fill them with mini-candies, granola bars, and mini-toiletries. The school fills about 1000 socks and hands them out at Potluck in the Park on Christmas Eve. 5th grade families are asked to **send in 18-20 travel size soaps**, and if you'd like to send in your leftover Halloween candy we will gladly use it for the sock project. Thank you for supporting our service efforts!

Upcoming Events:

December 5th, Social Studies Chapter 2 Test
 December 6th, Religion Unit 2 Test
 December 9th, Math Chapter 5 Test
 December 14th, Christmas Program
 December 15th, Make a Difference Presentation
 December 15th, Social Studies Chapter 3 Test
 December 16th, Half Day for Students