

Fifth Grade News February 24th, 2017

Classroom News

This week we dove deeper into our science standards by creating a biosphere in Makerspace. We also experimented with air pressure by lifting one of our back tables up using plastic bags, straws, and air. It has been fun to see their critical thinking and scientific minds solve problems involving the 4 spheres. Please ask them questions about the water cycle, the graham cracker lab, and atmospheric pressure. We will be having a surprise scientist next week to finish our focus on water and its distribution in the world.

Volunteers are needed for our Apple Field Trip! We will be going to the Apple Store on Wednesday, April 19th from 12: 40 p.m. to 3:05 p.m. Please log onto Volgistics and sign up to be a chaperone for our class. We will be leaving Cathedral again on March 8th to the Philharmonic Concert.

Girls' lunch was a success this week, and it was wonderful to spend time with your daughter. Please continue to work on any of the topics we discussed at home. My hope during these last 3 1/2 months is for them to continue to develop the tools they need as they become mature young women. Boys' lunch will be the week before Spring Break, March 20th to 24th.

Curriculum Focus for Next Week

Religion

Next week we take our test on Chapter 9 and celebrate Ash Wednesday. Please join us for this special Mass.

Reading

Next week we will be starting our last series in non-fiction text for this unit. Students will be analyzing multiple accounts of the Mary River project in Canada. They will be discussing the impact for the Inuits and Canada's resources.

Writing

Next week students will finish writing a conversation between them and a famous historian from our Social Studies book. We will work on adding details to our setting, and supporting our theme throughout our writing.

Math

Next week we will take a test on Chapters 4-8. This will be a good assessment of their understanding and ability to retain all the mathematical skills we have worked on. Then we will start Chapter 9 on fractions.

Science/Social Studies

Next week we will continue understanding the ways the geosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere, and atmosphere interact. Mrs. White and Mrs. Rae will continue collaborating with us during Art and Makerspace. We will also have a surprise scientist

and our Architect in School program.

School News

Please RSVP to the auction committee if you have not already submitted your attendance. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at this wonderful event to help benefit student learning. 5th grade will have an auction item for a student to teach 1/2 a day, as well as a fun STEM activity planned with 3rd and 4th. Thank you all for your commitment in supporting student learning.

Upcoming Events

Religion Test on Chapter 9, Monday, February 27th

Mathematics Test on Chapters 5-8, Tuesday, February 28th

Philharmonic Concert, March 8th

Apple Store Field Trip, April 19th