

## **5<sup>th</sup> Grade News**

We have finished our architects in school program's final project and they will be displayed at Opsis on May 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30p.m. Next week, we will be writing about their designs to display alongside their houses. Since Crystal has been so generous with her time by volunteering to plan and teach, I was hoping parents could show their appreciation by sending in a small amount of money to purchase her flowers and a Starbucks gift card. Students will be showing their appreciation by writing her a personal letter.

Another Field trip is around the corner, to visit our final projects and tour Opsis. Please sign up through Volgistics to get an opportunity to view your child's final project early. We will be leaving Cathedral at 1:50 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3rd and returning at 3:05 p.m. I wanted to make sure that all students were able to view their final project and see the designs created by other schools. This might be a wonderful opportunity for parents who may be busy with the Art Show on Thursday. Thank you in advance for volunteering and making this field trip a success!

We will celebrate all birthdays in April on Friday, April 28th from 11:15-11:30 a.m. Please let me know if you would like to bring in a treat for the class to enjoy. We will be writing individual letters to each of the birthday students during this time and celebrating their birthdays as a class. Some months parents have brought in balloons, or hats, other months we have had simply donuts or ice-cream. I will send out a reminder email a few days before to parents whose children have birthdays in April to help coordinate any treats that may be brought that afternoon.

### **Curriculum Focus for Next Week**

#### **Religion**

Students will explore the faith life of Pope Saint John Paul II. Students will also take a test on Chapter 11.

#### **Reading**

Students will finish their small group reading novels. We will be writing about two themes from their small group reading novels and summarizing their books.

#### **Writing**

We will continue with our unit on Poetry. Students will create lymrics, haikus, and free verse to prepare them for the poetry contest.

## **Math**

Next week students will identify different views of a solid. Students will use objects to act out and break apart problems into simpler problems in order to reach a solution. They will also determine the volume of a rectangular solid.

## **Science/Social Studies**

We will continue learning about the American Government in Social Studies Chapter 6 and take a test on Chapter 6. Students will add any last finishing touches and write about their final project for our Architects in School Program.

## **School News**

Annually, Cathedral hosts a speech festival in June. We will continue this tradition with each class performing a group chorale piece on June 8th. Parents are invited to watch the chorale performances (in the afternoon, times are TBD). Along with this, students kindergarten through 8th grade will participate individually in the classroom. Pre-kindergarten students can choose whether they would like to participate in their classroom.

Start thinking about a piece your student can memorize- a poem, part of a favorite story, part of a speech... From this, 3 students will be selected to share their piece in front of the whole school on June 8th. Student's individual selections are due by May 12th and will be presented to the classroom during the week of May 22nd. More information will be coming soon!

## **Upcoming Events**

Chapter 11 Religion Test, April 26<sup>th</sup>

Chapter 6 Social Studies Test, April 28<sup>th</sup>

April Birthday Celebration, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 11:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Architects in Schools Student Exhibition Celebration, Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:30 p.m.