

Classroom News:

We have some upcoming service projects! In November our class is in charge of collecting canned and dried goods to donate to Lift Urban Portland. We will be working on posters, speeches, and encouraging the whole school to donate. Our **food drive starts on Monday, November 7th!** Please help us to make this year the greatest donation for this very important service project.

Lift Urban Portland said their **most** needed items are: canned tuna, peanut butter, beans, canned tomato products, and rice. However, they gladly accept canned fruits, vegetables, pasta, cereal, etc. They try to avoid giving out sweets so they would prefer to not get cookies and candy.

Saints Essays have been graded and returned to your child. As a class they did an excellent job and I am very proud of all their writing. I explained to them that in 5th grade we use standards based grading for report cards. I will be using their Saint Essay and previous writing to make assessments for the first trimester. The other side of the rubric is point based and this is to help students understand how to continue to improve upon their writing. I encouraged the entire class to let them know that they are all successful writers but all writers continue to improve in different areas. I wanted each student to have specific feedback and next steps in their writing so I concentrated on making those comments on their essay and rubric. Please let me know if there are any questions and I am so proud of their work.

Our Science Experiment during Makerspace on Tuesday, November 8th is in need of some flashlights. If you could **give your child a flashlight** (big or small... we need a variety) to borrow for our experiment it would be greatly appreciated :)

5th Grade **Family Mass is coming up on Sunday, November 6th.** I regret to inform you that I will not be in town this weekend. I will be in Colorado to visit my grandfather who has been sick and to attend a friend's baby shower. I will be back on Sunday afternoon but not in time for Mass. I appreciate the prayers for my family and grandfather. Thank you for understanding and for your support.

Our class was invited to attend the **Year of Mercy Prayer Service on November 9th at 11:00 a.m.** Students will need to be dressed in Wednesday attire for Mass as we celebrate with other schools who will be attending. Please come and join us :)

Curriculum Focus for Next Week:

Religion

- Students will write how individual and community worship is displayed
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- Students will recognize that in the liturgy they participate in the saving work accomplished through Jesus' life, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension

Mathematics

- Students find the quotient of a division problem whose dividend is 10
- Students use rounding and compatible numbers to estimate quotients of whole numbers

-Students will check problems for reasonableness when dividing

Reading

-Students will begin to read in small reading groups on the following novels:

Walk Two Moons

Bridge to Terabithia

Abel's Island

Touching Spirit Bear

-Students will demonstrate their understanding of prediction in their group books

-Students will demonstrate their understanding of connections in their group books

-Students will demonstrate their understanding of questioning in their group books

-Students will demonstrate their understanding of imagery in their group books

Writing

-An apostrophe always has a purpose

-Membean

-Making a Difference Research for Information/Persuasive Writing

- Suffixes of full and ly

Science

-Students will be able to use properties to classify stars and identify the sun as a medium star that appears so bright because of its location.

-Students will identify various characteristics of stars that could cause one to appear brighter than another.

-Students will describe how our view of the constellation is impacted by Earth's revolution.

-Students will compare and contrast the inner and outer planets

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 makes about 1000 socks and hands them out at Potluck in the Park on Christmas Eve. If you'd like to send in your leftover Halloween candy, or any other items from the list above, we will gladly use it for the sock project. Thank you for supporting our service efforts!

Mark your calendars for **Family STEM Night on November 17th, 2016** at the University of Portland. This is a free family event for K-8 students to attend. Please enjoy a night of discovering the wonders of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Upcoming Events:

-Year of Mercy Prayer Service on Wednesday November 9th (5th grade will be attending at 11:00 a.m.)

-No School on Veterans Day on Friday, November 11th

-Science Unit 3 Test on Wednesday, November 16th

-Religion Test on Chapter 5 on Wednesday, November 16th