

## **Classroom News:**

This week was another exciting week in 5th grade. Students continued to research their Saints to provide specific evidence to their thesis statements. I have been meeting with students individually to go over their evidence and to discuss ways to help strengthen their paper. We will continue to work on our essays but I am very proud of their dedication to their Saint Essay.

Students in mathematics did an excellent job persevering solving word problems. This week we continued to use our knowledge of place value to help us round and solve addition and subtraction problems. If they take their time, read all the parts of the question and check their work, I know that all students will do an excellent job on their test next week.

Finally, I decided to call my Uncle Charlie (Charles Kuehmann) who is Vice President of SpaceX and Tesla to do a surprise scientist visit (15 minutes of FaceTime). I noticed in our last virtual tour of the Thomas Edison Museum the excitement students had when Elon Musk was mentioned. I also read their responses on their Time for Kids and felt that it would be wonderful to connect to their reading in another way. We were able to hear about his job, how he became a scientist and his love of Christ. Students also had opportunities to ask him their own unique questions. This was very memorable to me as I would love all my 5th graders to have opportunities in the future to follow their dreams.

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

### *Religion*

- Students will recognize that the Passover meal was a sign of the covenant between God and the people he saved.
- Students will explore the faith life of Saint Benedict.
- Students will review Chapter 3 and the 1 Unit (1-3 chapters)

### *Mathematics*

- Students will review Chapter 2
- Students will take a test on Chapter 2
- Students will identify and apply the Commutative, Associative, Identity, and Zero properties of multiplication.

### *Reading*

- Students will compare and contrast the differences between similes and metaphors
- Students will analyze the text to ask questions to determine the author's

foreshadowing

-Students will determine the cause and effect of major and minor events in the novel

### *Writing*

-A suffix is a letter or letters added to the end of a word

-Compound sentences

-Transition words and 5th grade level vocabulary added to our Body paragraphs for our Saints Paper

-Introductory and Conclusion paragraphs for our Saints Paper

### *Science*

-Students will develop a model to describe the movement of matter among plants, animals, decomposers, and the environment

### **School News:**

Please remember to return your Run 4 Cathedral forms with the appropriate money in the envelopes to school. We were able to raise enough money to cover the expenses we needed for this year, so thank you all for your contributions!!

### **Upcoming Events:**

-Math Test Tuesday, October 11th

-Teacher Inservice Friday, October 14th

-Religion Chapter 3 and Unit Test Monday, October 17th

-Science Presentation with 1st grade buddies Friday, October 21st

-Aquarius Reef Base, October 24th

-Parent/Teacher Conferences Thursday and Friday, October 27th and 28th