

Fifth Grade News January 6th, 2017

Classroom News

This week we have been celebrating 2017 with a wonderful performance at the Christmas Program and presentation of our Make a Difference Program. Students have worked very hard this week and I am so proud of their accomplishments.

In getting ready for middle school homework expectations and study hall, this new year I will no longer have students come in after school to get work they forgot to take home. I am hoping that this will encourage them to slow down at the end of the day and think about what materials they need so they will be ready for next year. I also will have students who forgot to bring homework attend study hall outside Mrs. Bigg's office. This is not to be a punishment but more of an encouragement to help students become more independent and foster the skills needed to help them go from multiple classes with the materials they need.

Please remember to buy the Inuit Thought of It for students to use starting Monday. I believe this should be the only book needed to be purchased this year as our other novel studies have enough books in class.

Curriculum Focus for Next Week

Religion

Next week we will define the Incarnation as the mystery of God taking on a human nature in order to save all people. Students will recognize that Jesus is King. They will write about the good gifts that they bring to Jesus by their good deeds.

Reading

Next week we will start our non-fiction text study on The Inuit Thought of It. We will start by exploring the tundra and life of the Indians in Canada. Students will work on making inferences and quoting accurately from the text.

Writing

Next week we will write a persuasive essay on Jamestown. We will start spelling lesson 11 and review Grammar Unit 2. Students will be tested on Grammar Unit 2 on Thursday.

Math

Next week we will start Chapter 6. Students will multiply decimals by estimating, rounding, and finding the products to the nearest ten thousandths.

Science/Social Studies

Next week we will finish Chapter 3. Students will summarize the relationship between Native Americans and the French. They will also summarize the relationship between Native Americans and the Dutch. Students will take their Chapter 3 Test on Wednesday.

School News

Our annual celebration of Catholic schools, National Catholic Schools Week, will take place January 29th to February 3rd, 2017. To kick off the week, we will hold a special Mass on Sunday, January 29th, at 9:00 am. All 5th grade students are invited to participate in the Mass as greeters, readers, ushers, to carry the gifts, or join the procession. If you will be attending this Mass and your children would like to participate, please go to <https://goo.gl/forms/MIj4qopSrYeHR2dH3> to complete the online form.

All students will participate in STAR testing next week. 5th graders will be assessed in both reading and mathematics.

Talent Show Tryouts are on Tuesday, January 10th, please have students practice their routines and be ready to perform. I am excited to see their talents.

Upcoming Events

- Talent Show Tryouts, Tuesday, January 10th
- Chapter 3 Test, Wednesday, January 11th
- Grammar Unite 2 Test, Thursday, January 12th
- January and July Birthday Celebration, Friday, January 20th