

Classroom News:

Thank you to those who have already signed up for conferences. I do need to submit my conference schedule sign-up in October so if you haven't already, please look at the attached sign up sheet and email me a few times you would prefer. I am excited to share with you the progress of your child's growth in 5th grade. They have all worked very hard these first 3 weeks and I am so proud of each and every one of them.

Last week we participated in our first Skype "field trip" to the Thomas Edison Museum in New Jersey. It was interesting to explore the museum with the park ranger and 5th graders had so many questions answered about Thomas Edison's life and patents. I found the elephant hide and hippopotamus tooth very unique to his tool room. I'm looking forward to going on our next field trip on the 24th of October to the Aquarius Reef Base.

So far this first month of school, I have only given 1 work alert as most students have been responsible to take their homework home and bring it back on time. I am so proud of their independence and growth in this area.

Curriculum Focus for Next Week:*Religion*

- Students will review Chapter 2 and take the Chapter 2 Test
- Students will write at least 4 signs that point to God's presence
- Students will develop an understanding of God's signs and the need to be attentive to them

Mathematics

- Students will add and subtract decimals in tenths and hundredths
- Students will use pictures and write equations to help them solve problems
- Students will compute sums of decimals involving tenths, hundredths, and thousandths
- Students will compute differences of decimals involving tenths, hundredths, and thousandths

Reading

- Students will make text to text, text to world, and text to self connections
- Students will use evidence from the text to display the inner/outer character traits
- Students will determine the author's point of view through imagery
- Students will compare and contrast the differences between similes and metaphors

Writing

- A prefix is a letter or letters added to the beginning of a word
- Compound predicates
- Typed Body paragraphs with evidence to support their thesis

-Introductory paragraphs for our Saints Paper

Science

-Students will describe the different ways that organisms interact in an ecosystem

-Students will demonstrate an understanding of some ecosystems in which organisms live and interact.

School News:

Thank you all for completing your Run 4 Cathedral Forms!! We had an excellent day celebrating our Catholic Values in our Family Groups. I was so impressed with the 5th graders determination to run as many laps as possible. Thank you to all who attended.

Upcoming Events:

-Religion Test Tuesday, October 4th

-Math Test Wednesday, October 12th

-Aquarius Reef Base, October 24th