



5th Grade Newsletter – Mrs. Feuerborn’s Class – September 2011

RELIGION: We started 5th Grade Religion with a focus on prayer. We reviewed kinds of prayers and ways to pray. The first unit in our book relates to beliefs of our Catholic faith. We'll focus on God's revelation to us; Scripture; mystery of the Holy Trinity; Ordinary Time; the "Calming of the Sea" passage; and qualities of God. There is a chapter test, usually each week. Students will bring home their own Religion book to review the material. There is a publisher's web page that offers a chapter review: www.FaithFirst.com, (Legacy Edition) which is a very good way to study for the test.

READING: The stories in our first unit are connected to a theme of "Competition and Cooperation". Reading skills include: predicting, drawing conclusion, context clues, making inferences, point of view, sequence, compare and contrast, and author's purpose. We will have a reading test to follow each story and accompanying skills, usually these will be on Thursdays. The tests are "open book" and it is not necessary for the student to "study" for this test.

SPELLING: Spelling words are directly related to the story, and these tests will be the same day as the reading test. 20 words are similar in sound or spelling pattern, the remaining 5 or 6 words are vocabulary associated with the story. We've reviewed a variety short vowel spelling patterns since school has started.

ENGLISH/WRITING: We are memorizing 53 prepositions so that we can write and locate prepositional phrases in sentences; we are also working on sentence construction, time and order in writing, use of figurative language, and sensory description. We have a "DOL" job to do each day - a daily dose of applying grammar skills. Students are writing to journal prompts and will begin writing projects soon.

MATH: We've finished the first chapter of our book reviewing place-value of whole numbers and decimals. In Chapter 2, we'll review skills including adding and subtracting large whole numbers and decimals, estimating and rounding, and we'll emphasize problem solving strategies. Students know to check the Math Connects web page: www.macmillanmh.com for review and practice. We also are focusing on multiplication facts through the 12's: we are working for speed and accuracy. Our goal is to know 45 in one minute by the end of the first quarter. Remind your children to practice at home - when there is a little "free" homework time! Students are working on ACCELERATED MATH several times each week - look for the TOPS report to see what skills (if any) should be given more practice and review at home.

SCIENCE: See Ms. Russell's newsletter.

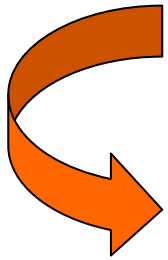
SOCIAL STUDIES: See Ms. Russell's newsletter.

DARE: Officer Chris Colon of the Lee's Summit Police Department meets with 5th grade homerooms on most every Monday through the end of November. We will celebrate our graduation from the DARE program on Monday, December 5 at 1:30 in the afternoon. Plan to attend!!!!

GRADES: Be sure to check the Lumens website often for an update on grades. 5th graders who play sports must meet the eligibility criteria (see school handbook). Midterms go home on September 14.

HOMEWORK: Students write assignments in their planners each day. Parents must sign this daily for the 1st quarter. Some assignments are long-term projects and are given several days in advance. Students must learn to budget their time as they consider their out of school activities and homework assignments. Homework in 5th grade should be between 45 - 60 minutes per day.

CLASS NOVEL: We spend 15 minutes of each day listening to a read-aloud novel. There's A Boy In The Girl's Bathroom, by Louis Sachar, is an entertaining story about a 5th grader who experiences some uncomfortable situations at school.



Uniform Reminders:

All students must be in compliance with the handbook regarding school uniforms. Specifically, students must wear a belt; socks must be visible; AND all students must have their shirts tucked in at all times!



Thank you for a great start to this new school year!

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