

Fifth Grade Weekly Update



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Edition 16



Parent Reminder
*Reminders about nightly journaling

- 1) Starting the third quarter, students are expected to write 8-10 sentences each night.
- 2) Each journal entry should include more than just a summary. This could be a connection, a conflict, a prediction, looking up a new word, etc.
- 3) This should be neatly written with few editing errors. It would be helpful for parents to look over these each night to make sure they are completed properly.

Dates to Remember
*MATH MAP test Tuesday
*GREAT program Wednesday

Thursday students will find out their non-profit and will begin writing their speech. We will discuss all details in class. Students will need to create a visual for their speech and they will receive this paper on Thursday. Speeches will be presented in class Feb. 10 and 11

*Scholastic Book Orders will be placed January 29th

Weekly Successes/Goals

I'm so proud of the students and their hard work during the reading MAP test. Take a minute to ask your child about the test.

What we are learning...

Reading: Nonfiction
*text structure practice
*Took reading MAP test
*Started new literature circle groups – ask your child about the book!

Writing:
*Nightly journaling

English: Daily Editing
*Adjectives practice
*Starting quotations unit

Religion:
*Review of sacraments
*Digging deeper into the study of Baptism
*Starting the sacrament of Reconciliation next week

Social Studies:
Global Issues and current events
Read about Martin Luther King Jr.

Science:
*Reviewed force and motion
*Studied Earth's vs. Sun's rotation
*Discussed the first clocks
*Using mysteryscience.com
*You should have seen some of our science experiments coming home this week. Unfortunately we didn't have the sun, but we had flashlights!

Math:
Fractions!
*Compare and Order Fraction
Xtramath.org
Mixed numbers and improper fractions
Starting to add and subtract fractions
*I am introducing many concepts to prepare for the Math MAP. We will be reviewing all concepts and testing over them after the Math MAP test.

Specials:

Extras!

Third Quarter Expectations:

Assignments written in complete sentences

Nice, Neat handwriting

Homework completed on time – This has improved greatly since the beginning of the year. Thank you to all!

Third Quarter can often be a difficult time for students. Please help make sure the third quarter continues to be successful!

*Also due to low spelling grades, students will have spelling homework this quarter that will be due the Thursday before the test. Spelling tests will continue to be every two weeks. This will also help students with word work and vocabulary skills.

