

# Fifth Grade Weekly Update

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Thank you to everyone for your help with the Valentine's day party! Without your help and support the parties would not be possible! A special thank you to Mrs. Rasch and Mrs. Wilson for organizing all three parties this year.

Please check out the website for pictures from the party, as well as a few from the Grand Rapids Symphony!

Enjoy your Winter Break! Students will continue to read and journal during break :)

Upcoming date to remember:

Feb. 20 - No School Winter Break

Feb. 21 - No School Winter Break

Feb. 28 - Hail, Holy Queen Oral Quiz

Feb. 28 - Landforms Quiz from Quizlet

\*Students will have a little time to study during free work time, so I highly recommend students studying a little each night.

March 1 - Ash Wednesday

March 10 - Fifth graders leading Stations of the Cross! Come join us at 2:00.

\*Stations of the cross are every Friday during Lent.

March is Reading Month is coming up!

This year the whole school will be participating in classroom read alouds! Instead of just being with 5th graders, students will get the opportunity to listen to another teacher read to them while being with other students from different grades. Students will vote on their top three choices of books they would like to have read to them. At the end of March each classroom will have a fun movie watching celebration!

## What we are learning...

Reading: City of Ember

Students will finish their literature circle books next week over science fiction and will start literature circle books for our fantasy unit. They are only meeting a couple of times with their group members, but mainly they are nightly journaling over skills we are discussing in class.

Writing: You may have been hearing the zoo debate at home. Should there be zoos? Yes or No? We are starting our first persuasive essay on the topic. We will learn the parts of a persuasive essay and they eventually they will have to write one on a topic of their choice.

English: Students are working on their punctuation and capitalization chapter. Ms. Esquivel is working with small groups to review these skills. Students did very well on their editing packet quiz!

Religion: Students are working on memorizing the Hail, Holy Queen prayer. We are saying it as our end of the day prayer. Many of the students had never heard the prayer. We learned that it is said at the end of the rosary. Next month students will be working to memorize the stations of the cross for Lent.

Social Studies: We started the students' favorite chapter on the Maya, Aztec, and Incas. Currently we are just studying the Maya civilization. Take a minute to ask your child about the Maya civilization and the different theories on how they disappeared.

Science: As part of our Life Science unit we are diving deeper into the study of plants. We are learning about parts, meaning and function of the plant substructures. We also created group presentations on the process of photosynthesis. We will be learning about the nitrogen, carbon, and water cycle next!

Math:

Starting after winter break, students will have daily math centers. Both Ms. Esquivel and I will lead a center with a third center for review and practice. Students will continue to have their regular math time where we will be starting our BIG unit on fractions. Students will learn how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide fractions.

