

Fifth Grade Weekly Update

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New website address!

You may have noticed my website address changed. It was misskeenansclass.yolasite.com. After three years I finally changed it to htotte.yolasite.com. You will still find it linked to the school website, but please remember to bookmark my new address!

Conferences start next week:

Please remember to return your conference agenda sheets no later than Feb. 7 to best help Ms. Esquivel and me plan the 15 minute conference!

Upcoming date to remember:

- Feb. 7 - (Tuesday) Celebrating 100 day of school
- Feb. 8 - (Wednesday) Fifth grade mass
- Feb. 9 - (Thursday) Parent Teacher Conference 4-7
- Feb. 10 - (Friday) Chapter 5 math test
- Feb. 10 - (Friday) Climate Zones Test
- Feb. 13 - (Monday) Parent Teacher Conference 4-7
- Feb. 14 - (Tuesday) Grand Rapids Symphony!
- Feb. 14 - (Tuesday) Valentine's Day Party at 1:45
- Feb. 28 - (Tuesday) Memorare Prayer Oral Quiz
- Feb. 28 - (Tuesday) Landforms Quiz

What we are learning...

Reading: We started City of Ember for our science fiction unit. Ms. Esquivel started the unit by explaining components of science fiction. They will be looking for these elements in both City of Ember and their literature circle books. Literature Circles will look a little different as students have to journal 5-7 sentences about their reading each night.

Writing: We wrapped up personal narratives this week and they are ready to be displayed for conferences! So please come check them out! We will begin teaching persuasive essays next!

English: Students wrapped up the unit on adjectives this week. Students will be completing a quick unit on punctuation and capitalization, which they are already very familiar with! We will continue to dialogue sentences next week.

Religion: Students wrote many thank you letters to individuals during Catholic Schools week and also participated in many fun activities! They took their oral test over the Penitential Rite and will be practicing the Memorare this month. Students will be picking back up with the sacrament of Confirmation next week.

Social Studies: Students worked on individual landforms slides to create a class presentation. They will be starting their Maya, Aztec, and Inca unit next week.

Science: Students are continuing to learn about life science. They discussed how energy flows through a food web. We will be looking more into photosynthesis and decomposers in the next few weeks.

Math: Ms. Esquivel has done an amazing job teaching math so far! There is lots of writing and thinking going on during math!

A big shout out to all the students for their hard work during the Winter MAP testing. As a class our scores went up in all areas!

- 4 points in reading
- 4 points in language usage
- 2.5 points in science
- 5 points in math

*Don't forget to ask your child about their individual scores. We will have all that information for you for conferences.

Keep bringing in those pop cans! We can use all the cans we can get if we are going to pass 1st and 3rd grade!

I will be emailing those of you who volunteered to drive to the Symphony next week with more detailed information!

