Fifth Grade Weekly Update

He encourages respecting others!

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One more week left in the quarter! Please check Infinite Campus to see updated grades as well as missing assignments. Students are always welcome before school, during lunch and recess, or after school to get help with any missing work.

We would like to congratulate Braxton Sharp on receiving his first Reconciliation this past weekend!

The third and fifth graders did a fabulous job leading the Stations of the Cross last week!

Upcoming date to remember:

March 21st (Tuesday) - 3rd-5th grade Reconciliation at 1:00

March 23rd (Thursday)- Chapter 7 Math test
March 23rd (Thursday) - City of Ember Test
March 24th (Friday) - End of the 3rd Quarter!
March 24th (Friday) - Stations of the Cross at 2:00
March 27th (Monday) - City of Ember Movie
March 29th (Wednesday) - March is Reading Month
movie afternoon starts at 1:00

March 31 (Friday) - Stations of the Cross Quiz

Curriculum fair is scheduled for April 20th! You may remember the last year's fifth graders selling goods or services! The students have been asking about Curriculum fair and we will be doing this project again! We are just introducing the material in science and social studies this week! The overall objective of the unit is to learn about global issues, specifically in the Western hemisphere. During this unit students will be creating and delivering a speech, reading literature books on various global issues, and eventually creating a good or service to sell. Be looking for a DETAILED parent note coming home in next week's Friday folder.



We encourage all families to participate in this year's Lent Project: 40 items in 40 days! Feel free to bring in these items at any time! The items will be picked up by In His Image before we leave for Easter break!

## What we are learning.

Reading: City of Ember

Students will finish City of Ember next week and will work on theme, tone, and mood for the story. Students are continuing to read their fantasy literature books and we will be learning all about the components of the fantasy genre next week as well. Students will watch City of Ember and write a five paragraph essay to compare and contrast the book to the movie. Unlike Holes and Sign of the Beaver, they are VERY different!

Writing: Students will be writing their claim next week to start drafting their first persuasive essay. Before the end of the quarter they will also be getting back comments for their personal narratives. I purposely hold them for some time before handing them back so they can see how much they grow as a writer in just a few weeks!

English: Students started Chapter 6 on pronouns. Once we finish the unit in the book, students will learn even more types of pronouns and will be creating their own English board games to play with their classmates!

Religion: Students are getting a lot of practice creating their own informal prayers. They are also finishing the unit on the sacrament of Confirmation by learning about the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Social Studies: Students have finished learning about the Maya, Aztec, and Inca civilizations. There is no test for the unit as they did a number of projects during the unit. We have moved to our global issues unit and students will be starting to learn how to write, practice, and present a two minute speech!

Science: To finish our life science unit we are learning about a number of environmental issues such as overfishing, deforestation, global warming, just to name a few. They will be creating a book of environmental issues.