

# Fifth Grade Weekly Update

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Just as a reminder, the end of the quarter is quickly approaching! We have only 3 weeks left in third quarter. Please log onto infinite campus regularly to check your child's grades.

Also, be sure to check out our classroom website to find pictures of what has been going on in 5th grade recently, daily homework assignments, and links to resources we have used in the classroom.

Upcoming date to remember:

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 7 - English Chpt. 5 Test

March 11- Mad Hatter 5k

March 17 - ½ day of school

March 24 - End of 3rd quarter

March 29 - March is Reading Month movie afternoon

March 31 - Stations of the Cross Test

March is Reading Month is here!

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 have been placed into their reading groups and had their first read aloud session on Wednesday! Groups will meet every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in March. Take a minute to ask your student what book they are having read to them and what they think of the book so far!

Prayer Partners

During this season of Lent we will be focusing on prayer. Each day students will write in their Lenten prayer journals their own prayers and intentions. As a school, each student was assigned a secret prayer partner, who we will pray for daily. Throughout the season of Lent we will be creating cards and notes for our prayer partners weekly. The week of Easter, students will finally be able to reveal themselves to their secret prayer partner!



## What we are learning...

Reading: City of Ember

As a class, we are finishing up reading The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau. We will continue to learn reading strategies that will carry over to our fantasy unit while reading this book. Students have started their fantasy literature circle books and will continue to journal nightly on their own.

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 read it on their own.

English: Students are finishing a chapter on punctuation and capitalization. Next, we will move on to learn about pronouns. During this unit, students will create games about pronouns to play with each other, reinforcing the skills they will be learning.

Religion: Currently, we are learning about the sacrament of Confirmation. We will also be learning more about the stations of the cross. On Friday, March 10th we will be leading the school in stations of the cross. Feel free to join us at 2:00!

Social Studies: We started the students' favorite chapter on the Maya, Aztec, and Incas. Currently we are just studying the Aztec civilization and their many interesting inventions!

Science: As part of our Life Science unit we are giving deeper into the study of plants. We are learning about parts, meaning and function of the plant. We also created group presentations on the process of photosynthesis.

Students have been busy working on their projects to donate for the auction. They have created a bird bath, a dragonfly, a shadow box and a wreath. Be on the look-out for their great works of art at the auction on April 29th!