

Mrs. Otte's Weekly Update

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September 5-9
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Edition 1

Parent Information!

Each student received a fluency sheet this week. They will receive one the first day of every week. Fluency reads are meant to be read aloud multiple times. The students start by listening to me read the passage once. Then they buddy read the passage.

This means one student reads through it and the other student listens, then they switch roles. For homework, students are required to take it home and read it to a parent one additional time. After a parent has listened to their child read, please sign the fluency sheet. Students will answer the comprehension questions and return the sheet by the last day of the week.

Dates to Remember

SEPT. 11	PARISH FESTIVAL
SEPT. 13	MAP TESTING STARTS
SEPT. 23	ART PRIZE!
*AN EMAIL WILL BE SENT HOME NEXT WEEK REGARDING MORE INFORMATION.	
SEPT. 30	PROGRESS REPORTS SENT HOME

MAP Testing:

Students will begin MAP testing next week. We will be testing every Tuesday from 12:25 until about 2:00. Please let me know if your child will be out of the building during this time.

Spelling Test:

Students took their first spelling test this week. Students keep their spelling words in a tan folder in their homework folder to study each night. If you need a copy of the list, this is available on my website under the spelling tab.

What we are learning...

Reading: We jumped right into curriculum by starting our read aloud book, Holes by Louis Sachar. The genre focus is Realistic Fiction. We focused on vocabulary and unknown words while reading. We also learned about flashbacks, which is very important to this story! We set up our reading notebook and binder. Most importantly we are working on building reading stamina so we can read for extended periods of time!

Writing: Students are working on their first writing piece about their superpowers. They completed the prewriting stage by brainstorming ideas and then started drafting their first three body paragraphs. Eventually the students will have a five paragraph essay that we will display in the hallway.

English: The students started learning about the four types of sentences. Ask your child to tell you the difference between interrogative, imperative, declarative, and exclamatory sentence. This year we will be doing a mini lesson a day and then continuing to use these skills in our daily writing.

Religion: Students began reading about the sacraments. These first two quarters we will be learning about each sacrament in depth.

Science: With new science standards for the state and the diocese, we started our first unit on matter. Students had a strong understanding of solids, liquids, and gases. We will be building upon what they already know by completing a number of science experiments. Ask your child to tell you about them!

I will be sending out a newsletter every other week this year. I will periodically send email updates on the off weeks.

Have a great weekend!

About Mrs. Otte

I am so excited to be teaching fifth grade at Holy Trinity this year! I grew up in Nebraska and went to a Catholic school from Kindergarten-12th grade. After graduating from high school I went to the University of Nebraska and earned my degree in Marketing. I decided shortly before graduation that I wanted to be a teacher, so I went back to school to get my Master's in Elementary Education. I taught three years in Omaha, Nebraska before moving to Michigan. My husband and I moved to Michigan three years ago. This is my third year at Holy Trinity. It is going to be an AWESOME year full of learning and new adventures. I can't wait to see what this school year will continue to have in store for us! Holy Trinity is a great place to work, teach, and live out the teachings of Jesus. Thanks for welcoming me into your community.