

# Fifth Grade Weekly Update



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Edition 4



Welcome Braxton! Braxton Sharp joined our fifth grade classroom two weeks ago. All fifth graders have been very helpful to Braxton getting him introduced to our classroom routine.

#### Address and Phone Number:

I have noticed that many students do not know phone numbers to contact a parent. Please help your child memorize two contact numbers. Also students do not all know how to write their address like you would write on a return address label. Please have your child practice this. It just might show up on a quiz!

#### Upcoming date to remember:

Oct. 25 – English Chapter 2 test (redo assignments due Tuesday)

Oct. 25 – Math Chapter 1 test (redo assignments due Monday)

Oct. 31 – Oral test over the Act of Contrition (Religion)

Oct 31 – Halloween Party (An e-mail was sent with the time of the party)

Nov. 1 – Saint project due (most work will be completed in school)

\*Apostle's Creed prayer will be accessed at the end of November

#### Grading:

You may have noticed that some assignments are returned with either a check plus ( + ), a check ( ), or a check minus ( - ). A check plus signifies that the student had all required information and received a 10/10. A check means that some information was missing but mostly the information was correct and received a 9/10. A check minus means that the student was missing parts of the assignment and received an 8/10. This is typically done on papers where students give their ideas, input, thoughts, etc. such as reading worksheets and journaling.

#### What we are learning...

##### Reading: A Fish in a Tree

Working on figurative language such as similes, metaphors, puns, idioms, adages, and hyperboles. We will also be adding our own figurative language to our personal narrative drafts.

Writing: Students started drafting their first personal narratives. They are learning to add voice to their writing.

English: We are wrapping up our noun unit. We will extend our unit by briefly discussing abstract, collective, and concrete nouns.

Religion: Students are still working on the sacrament of Baptism, but will be taking a small break to work on their Saint projects. Students will be creating a scrapbook page and an "I am" poem about their Saint.

##### Social Studies:

We started learning about the first people that lived in the Western Hemisphere. Students took their continents and oceans quiz and will be starting to learn about the South American countries. Students will be assessed over the South American countries on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. They also had their first current event article due.

Science: We are still working on conservation of mass and will be moving into learning about physical and chemical changes.

Math: We are finally wrapping up our place value and decimals unit. Students will be testing next week and then moving on to multiplying whole numbers and decimals.



#### Xtramath.org

As we approach the end of the first quarter I have been reminding students that they will no longer have time to complete xtramath.org in the morning, but rather this will be a homework assignment until they master their addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts. Without knowing the facts, fifth grade math is very difficult and takes much more time to complete assignments. This can be very frustrating for students. Therefore logging on to xtramath for roughly 10 minutes each night will help master these facts and hopefully relieve some math stress ☺