

Fifth Grade Weekly Update



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The fifth graders have a wonderful opportunity to have a student teacher in the classroom starting in January! Brook Esquivel is currently a senior at Aquinas College and will be with us in the classroom from January until her graduation in May. She visited the classroom this Friday and we learned a little about her. She will be observing and working with small groups in January and will start to take over teaching in February and March! We are excited to have her become a part of the Holy Trinity family! More information will be coming in January.

Upcoming date to remember:

Dec. 7 – Native American Presentations

Dec. 9 – South American Capitals Quiz

Dec. 12 – Advent Play 7:00

Dec. 13 – 5th grade Reconciliation at 1:00

Dec. 13 – 5th graders helping preschool

Dec. 20 – Watching Sign of the Beaver in class

Dec. 20 – Literature Presentations (group project)

Dec. 20 – Christmas Party at 1:30

*No spelling until after Christmas break

*No prayer for the month of December

Between Thanksgiving break and Christmas break we will be taking a break from spelling to work on more vocabulary, word work, and math skills. This week I reassessed the students in their spelling and there will be three spelling groups after break. The spelling words will be posted in the website under the spelling words tab.

Students will be working on a few additional math packets during our normal spelling time to prepare us for the winter MAP testing in January.

What we are learning...

Reading: Sign of the Beaver

We started our next class novel and will be reading and completing a packet for comprehension. Students also were given their literature circle books for historical fiction. Students will be creating a powerpoint to present to the class with additional information on the time period of their novel.

Writing: Students learned how to write a lead for their personal narrative. They were bummed that Once upon a time... or One day... will no longer work! Next week we will work on writing conclusions.

English: We are still working on our verb unit. Without spelling these next three weeks we will be working on verbs to finish the unit before Christmas break.

Religion: Students have started a Jesse Tree book that they will be able to take home after Christmas and use for years to come. We finished the Apostle's Creed and have our completed projects hanging in the hallway. There will not be a prayer for December as we will use that time to practice Christmas songs for the Advent program. We will also start discussing the sacrament of Reconciliation to prepare for the school-wide reconciliation Dec. 13.

Social Studies:

Students are using their class time to work on their Native American powerpoint presentations. As we read Sign of the Beaver, we will be discussing many things they can include in their presentation. Students will be sharing these presentations with the class Dec. 7. This date may change if they need additional time.

Science: We finally took our first science test! We will be starting our life science unit next. We are using an online program called MysteryScience.com that has great activities and videos to learn about animals and plants.

Math: This week we tested over multiplication and started our division unit by taking our pretest! This unit can often be very tricky and may require extra time at home for homework.



*Check out the new homework tab. I think this will help to know when tests are approaching to help students prioritize their homework each night. It also allows you to scroll back and look at any days prior.

Pledge to read over Break!

Each year I encourage students to read one book over Christmas break. Students can start thinking about that one book they want to read!