

Fifth Grade Weekly Update



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We welcome Ms. Esquivel into our classroom! She will be with us for the next 14 weeks.

A note from Ms. Esquivel:

Hello all!

I am so excited to be joining the Holy Trinity family this year! I have already begun to feel the warmth and love within your community in my short time here. I look forward to getting to know all of you and learning with your stellar 5th graders this year.

I hope to get to know you all personally, but I will begin by telling you a little about myself. I grew up in west Michigan and graduated from Caledonia High school in 2012. I will be graduating in May from Aquinas College with a double major in Education and Mathematics and a minor in Irish Studies. During my time in college I was able to study abroad, and spent a semester in the west coast of Ireland working as a teacher's aide at the Lettergesh National School. In my free time I enjoy traveling, being an amateur movie critic, and spending time with my family. I truly believe my purpose is to be a teacher, and I hope you notice that during my time here. Please know that I am absolutely honored to have the privilege of working with your students this year. Thank you so much for welcoming me into your classroom!

With many thanks,
Ms. Esquivel

Upcoming date to remember:

Jan 10th – MAP testing science

Jan 11th – Students need to finish reading Who was/What was book they were given during reading

Jan 13th – Chapter 4 math test

Jan 18th – MAP testing Language Usage

Jan. 20th - Central American Countries Quiz

Jan 31st – Oral Test over Penitential Rite

Feb. 14th – Field trip to the Grand Rapids Symphony (permission slip coming home in the next few weeks)

What we are learning...

Reading: Students are finishing up their historical fiction unit from before Christmas break. Each student was given a "Who was" or "What was" book that corresponds with their historical fiction novel. They are reading them independently and taking notes. They will be working with their literature circle groups to create a Powerpoint to teach the class a little about their book and the real people, places, and events described in the book.

Writing: Students will continue to work with dialogue as we need a little bit more practice before finalizing our personal narratives. Ms. Esquivel will then teach the persuasive essay unit!

English: Students took their English verb test and will start the adjectives unit next. They are also practicing diagramming sentences each day, along with finding errors in their editing packet. We are starting to understand how the parts of speech work together.

Religion: Students are beginning to study the next sacrament of Confirmation. We are currently reading out of the book and will be completing a few activities!

Social Studies: Students are now familiar with the Central America countries. They are also presenting their Native American Presentations. Next week they will also have time to work on finding some of the physical features of South America and labeling them on a map.

Science: We are working through our Life Science unit by reviewing food chains and food webs. We will be working through mysteryscience.com for the next few weeks.

Math: Ms. Esquivel will be starting to teach math next week! She will be teaching the students about prime and composite numbers, greatest common factor, least common multiple, and reviewing for our chapter 4 test. She will be working with small groups on working through story problem skills and strategies.

A huge thank you to everyone for a great Christmas party. The students had a great time and are already looking forward to Valentine's Day!

Thank you for your help with the Advent Jesse Tree ornaments. They were all amazing. I received a lot of compliments on them!

