

The 5th Grade News September 19, 2011

By Mrs. Frommell's LA Class, Mrs. Frommell, and Mrs. Stoffel

Dear Parents,

The first two weeks have flown by and things are going quite smoothly. The students are settling into their new roles as fifth graders very nicely. There hasn't been a lot of homework yet, however you will most likely see an increase as we get further into the quarter.

We have been learning and applying the steps of the Scientific Method. We have taken each step, worked through practice examples together, and then the students have worked in small groups or independently to apply the concept to given situations. This week we will be doing several experiments in class using the steps. Then the students will be choosing their own experiment and applying the steps. This project will be the test for this unit. They will receive a direction sheet on Friday with due dates for the different steps.

I am very excited to be working with your children this year. Thank you for sharing them with us.

Judy Stoffel

5th grade parents,

I am truly enjoying teaching 5th grade! With such wonderful students, who couldn't?! As we get farther into the school year, time management becomes more important as homework and test frequency increases. Please keep an eye out for organizational skills to become better and for them to hopefully use their time more efficiently for homework and studying. I have had my LA class write articles to let you know what they are learning in class. It is always great to get their perspective on learning and what is going on at school. The fifth grade is really stepping into their roles as leaders. I am quite proud to say that the choir last Friday did an excellent job singing and leading the school in praising God at Mass! Way to go!!!

I look forward to seeing your students grow throughout the year!

Heather Frommell

Science Experiments

We're learning about the Scientific Method. We have done fun experiments like how many water drops can fit on a penny, nickel, dime. We created a chart. We wrote notes.

By Carter, Peter, JC

Recommended Reading

1. Titanic (A choose your own adventure book)
2. The Report Card
3. Lightning Thief
4. No More Homework, No More Tests

5. Bridge to Terabithia
6. The Cricket in Times Square
7. Little House on the Prairie
8. Love That Dog
9. Because of Winn-Dixie
10. Archaeology Detectives
11. From the Diary of Leigh Botts
12. Number the Stars
13. Forever Rose
14. Double Eagle
15. Harry Potter Series

By Frankie and Kate

Social Studies from the Beginning of Time

This week in Social Studies we learned about the Ancient Americans. We also learned about archaeology. The Ice Age is another thing we learned. This week we put all of those topics into our notebook and did lots of vocabulary.

By Catherine, Kiera, Madelyn

Specials Update

Spanish – We picked Spanish names.

Computers – We started to use laptops.

Music – We played notes on the board on the drums.

Art – We started “symbols of peace.”

Gym class – We are starting football.

By Charlie and Nyssa

Math Facts

In Mrs. Frommell’s math group they have been doing place value and powers. In Mrs. Stoffel’s math group they have been doing exponents, decimals, and place value with decimals. Miss Koehler’s math group is working on positive and negative powers of 10, comparing numbers, and expanded forms of numbers. Each group is very good at math.

By Fritz, George, Jack

Top 5 Facts about the Bible we have learned:

5 – Books in the Pentateuch – Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy

4 – Evangelists – Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John

3 – Readings at Mass on Sundays from the Bible

2 – Parts of the Bible – Old Testament has 46 books and the New Testament has 27 books

1 – Bible is the Word of God

Upcoming Events –

There is a Religion open book “test” for Mrs. Frommell’s and Mrs. Stoffel’s homeroom on September 20th.

Social Studies test both classes on September 27th (study guide coming soon!)
Caving September 28th, please get your permission slips in as soon as possible!
Scientific Method Project: directions will be sent home on Friday.