

Fifth Grade Newsletter # 10
February 2- 16, 2012

Dear Parents,

For Valentine's Day (Feb. 14) students may bring Valentines to exchange ONLY with their homeroom classmates. If a child chooses to bring Valentines, he/she should bring Valentines for the entire homeroom or for all the boys or for all the girls in their homerooms. No other Valentines should be exchanged **at school**.

Important Dates:

Tues., Feb. 14—Valentine's Day (See paragraph above)

Wed., Feb. 15—5th Grade Vocation Day at O'Hara High School. *See more information under "Religion." **Drivers are needed** to transport students **to O'Hara and back** to school. Permission slips are in the messenger envelopes this week.

Thur., Feb 16— Noon Dismissal for Teacher Requested Conferences (1-4:30PM)

Fri., Feb. 17—No School: Professional Development (for teachers)

Mon., Feb. 20—No School: Presidents' Day

Listed below is a general outline of the work the fifth grade students will be doing for the next two weeks. Please check the student's **daily assignment notebook** for specific info.

Religion: *Vocation Day is Feb. 15 at O'Hara. Students will be learning about the lifestyle and the services priests and religious sisters/brothers contribute to the Church and all of God's people.

Social Studies: Students will finish Chapter 6 and start reading Chapter 7, "The Southern Colonies." This chapter tells why the 13 colonies were founded and the different reasons for settling in this area.

Reading: *Number the Stars*, our current class novel, takes a look at the singular courage and determination of a nation to save its own. Students continue to share part of this dark period in history and recognize the commitment and bravery of so many in the Resistance. We will also be viewing the movie, "The Hiding Place," and comparing the Ten Boom family's actions in Holland with the Resistance groups in Denmark.

English: After finishing the vocabulary words from WordMasters Analogy Challenge, vocabulary will come from the Oxford Sadlier textbook. Students are working on verbs, formula writing, adding voice to their writing, and organizing ideas into appropriate paragraphs.

Math: The first test over decimal concepts will be Tuesday, Feb. 7. Details are on www.classjump.com.

Science: Students will be getting directions for a research report on a planet or star tomorrow. To help with time management skills, there will be due dates for different parts of the report writing process. The final report will be due Thursday, Feb. 16.

Sincerely,

Sister Kathleen Marie (Religion, Social Studies)
Charlotte Jett (English, Reading)
Rosemarie Schneider (Math, Science)