

Fifth Grade Newsletter # 9
January 19– February 2, 2012

Dear Parents,

Important dates and reminders:

Jan. 20—(Friday): Jeans Day and Snowflake Dance

Jan. 29—(Sunday) PTA Skating Party/Skate City

Jan. 30—Catholic Schools Week and also SPS Food Pantry Collection

Feb. 15—Vocation Day for 5th graders at O’Hara High School (More information coming)

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 information.

Religion: The next two chapters deal in greater length about the sacrament of Baptism and how Baptism is the foundation of Christian life. Baptism gives us the hope of eternal life.

Social Studies: Chapter 5 test is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 24. Students will start Chapter 6, “The Middle Colonies.” This chapter discusses early settlers in the Middle Colonies and their relationship with the Native Americans.

Writing: Adverbs...they add something to the verb. Usually that addition is in the form of how, when, or where the action verb is happening. Students continue a study of parts of speech, parts of a sentence, and parts of a good paragraph, along with some formula writing.

Reading: *Number the Stars*, our current class novel, takes a look at the singular courage and determination of a nation to save its own. Within a few weeks of Hitler’s decision to relocate the Jews, the Danish people evacuated virtually the entire population of Danish Jews to neutral Sweden. Our classes are exploring this dark period in history and recognizing the commitment and bravery of so many in the Resistance. We will also be viewing the movie, “The Hiding Place,” and we are sharing more literature about the period.

Math: Students are continuing work on Unit 7, which covers decimals, percent, and probability. Check assignment notebooks for quiz and test dates.

Science: The Chapter 7 test will be on Tuesday, January 24. Students will begin a study of the solar system in Chapter 8. They will be researching solar system topics and writing reports, using the research and writing skills they have been studying in Language Arts. Other activities include modeling the solar system and learning about Galileo.

Sincerely,

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