

April 23, 2010

Dear Parents and Students,

Upcoming Events:

Friday May 7: 12:30 Mass with Bishop Reiss

Friday May 28: Fifth Grade visits Courthouse

Literacy: This week in Writer's Workshop, the students have begun to investigate persuasive writing. We have looked at two sides of the argument of should there be zoos. The students also created a counter argument to an essay we read about destroying animal environments for oil drilling. For homework this weekend each student is to bring in an advertisement that includes the areas we have discussed about persuasive writing. The students are allowed to choose from any type of advertisement they see that is school appropriate. In Reader's Workshop, the class has completed our study on inferences. We have started to look at themes of a story. The students should finish their summarizing book by next Friday, so we can start our summaries the following week. A new reading log will be coming home next week.

Religion: This week in Religion, the class looked at the Marks of the Church. They created posters for each of the Marks that they shared with the class. We also looked at the Church as the Body of Christ and discussed what this means to us. The boys have completed a Religion Study Guide and the Chapter 10 Test will be Tuesday. We will review and go over the study guide on Monday.

Social Studies: In Social Studies this week, the students discussed the Boston Massacre. We talked about how there were two different viewpoints on this event, the British's and the colonists' perspective. Next week we will finish looking at the Boston Tea Party. The Events Leading up to the American Revolution Test will be next Thursday and a study guide will go home on Monday.

Science: This week in Science, the students took the Plants Test. I was impressed with their commitment to studying for this test and I was proud of the grades that resulted. This test will be arriving home today in the Friday Folder. Next week, we will begin to look at animals in environments.

Word Study: New words went home this week and the Wordy Study Test will be next Friday.

Other News: Edline is now running for the fifth grade. I am still learning about this program since it is new to me and I appreciate any questions or comments that you may have about it. I will be posting grades almost every night that work is turned in.

The boys understand that a missing assignment shows up as a zero until they get it in to me. I feel this will help our class with a smooth transition into middle school

Have a wonderful spring weekend.

Sincerely,

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