

April 30, 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 been analyzing advertisements. Each student has brought in an advertisement to critique and share with the class. The students have also been investigating the PBS advertising website to learn more about how companies portray their products. Next week the students will begin to work on their persuasive piece. In Reader's Workshop, we have been looking at the literary elements of the stories we read. The students will be using these literary elements in the summaries they begin next week. The current reading log is due next Monday and a new reading log will be coming home next week.

Religion: This week in Religion, the class has been planning service projects. They have worked in groups or on their own to design a project that will help someone in need. We discussed as a group why we perform service projects and how we can also pray for those in need. The students took the Chapter 10 Test this week and grades are posted to Edline. Next week we will be looking at the parts of our Mass.

Social Studies: In Social Studies this week, the students took the Events Leading up to the American Revolution Test. Overall, I was impressed with the review we had in class and the work students put in to their studying, the night before the review. The grades will be posted on Edline for you to check this weekend.

Science: This week in Science, the students looked at the ways scientist classify animals. We discussed examples of each of the kingdoms in class. Next week, we will be studying each of these kingdoms more closely.

Word Study: The students took the Wordy Study Test today. New words will be given out next week.

Other News: I hope everyone is able to check the grades of their student on Edline. I have been helping the boys to take more responsibility for returning assignments on time. We had a short class meeting today, in which the boys decided it would be helpful to check their backpacks and assignment notebooks before bed each night, to make sure all assignments are done and packed. I am also giving each student a purple or blue Take-Home Folder. This way they will be able to take all assignments they need for the night home in one place. The assignments that go home in this folder will all need to return in the folder. Thanks for your understanding with this change.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

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