

May 14, 2010

Dear Parents and Students,

**Upcoming Events:**

Friday May 21: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Mass and Book Orders Due

Thursday May 27: Fifth Grade visits Courthouse

**Literacy:** This week in Writer's Workshop the students have been looking at evidence for their persuasive topic. The boys learned how to determine powerful supporting information for their evidence. Next week, we will look at using surveys to support our argument. The boys have also been doing a wonderful job helping the kindergartners write stories. They are focusing on having the correct sequence in a story, as well as a problem and a solution. In Reader's Workshop, our class has been investigating the purpose and methods of book clubs. All of the students have been in book clubs so we are now looking at how to extend our thinking and conversations in book clubs. Next week, we will look at examples of book clubs to help our understanding. The reading log is due on Monday and another one will be going home next week.

**Religion:** This week in Religion, the class has begun looking at the Eucharist and the Mass. We have been looking at why we celebrate the Eucharist and the different names we have for it. The students also took the Chapter 11 Test this week, which is coming home in the Friday Folder. Next week we will be looking at the celebration of Mass. We will have a test on this chapter next Friday.

**Social Studies:** In Social Studies this week, the class looked at the Battle of Bunker Hill. We discussed the effort the Patriots put into this battle and the pride they had, even though they lost. Next week we will be looking at the colonists declaring independence and the beginning drafts of the Declaration of Independence.

**Science:** This week in Science, we have talked as a class about the binomial nomenclature that Carl Linnaeus began. We demonstrated a similar classification system by classifying the students in our class. This week we also began looking at invertebrates. The students were able to look at and discover the traits of an invertebrate by studying earth worms.

**Word Study:** The students had a word study assessment today. New words will be coming home next week.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

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