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Tests and Quizzes

Spelling Test	Fri 10/12
Spelling Pre-Test	Mon 10/15
Study Guide quiz	Mon 10/15
Math Test	Tues 10/16

Special points of interest:

- Mass Friday 9:55 am...Please feel free to join us!
- Remember to sign your child's planner every night!
- Band is Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:15.
- Howard Christensen Nature Center Field Trip on Oct. 17th.
- Saint information due Oct. 15th. Bring information to school.
- ITBS Testing begins the week of Oct 22nd.
- No School on Oct. 22nd.
- Celebrate Life week begins Oct. 29th.
- Please return conference slips!

Fantastic 5th Graders!

The students went above and beyond on their science take-home projects. Student's displayed their expertise in a variety of ways. They made colorful posters, hosted game shows, made 3-D models, and one student made a homemade video! These projects definitely revealed your children's knowledge of science. Also, thank you for providing assistance and materials to help your children reach their full potential.

We are currently reading and discussing the next four chapters in the science text. These chapters take an in-depth look at flowers, trees, seeds, and plant and flower reproduction. These topics once again, provide a perfect opportunity for a hands-on investigation. So on October 17th, we will be going to Howard Christensen Nature center. Please be sure to sign and turn in that permission slip.

We are continuing to introduce new and challenging math concepts. This week students are working with division. A test over adding, subtracting, and multiplying three-four digit numbers and division will be Tuesday, October 16th. Originally the test was going to be this week, but we noticed that many students needed more time working with division. After the test, we will be teaching adding, subtracting, and dividing decimals. We will be sure to send home a parent cheat sheet!

From Mrs. Furtwangler...

It has been hard to take the back seat this last two weeks! Mrs. O'Hare is doing such a nice job with teaching. It will be hard to see her leave in three weeks. I was terribly impressed with the take home tests. These are some creative and smart kids! Every week I struggle with the "is this enough work?" syndrome. I look at the returned work, and wonder if from that set of papers if you can see how very hard we work. Because we do. I nearly have my masters in Learning Disabilities. From research, I know that kids learn best by doing things, not reading from a book. Not all kids can show that knowledge on a paper. I am a believer in doing activities, alone and together. We are busy, every day. I don't necessarily need to see that evidence on a pencil and paper test or worksheet. So if our packet looks slim, don't worry. Your tired child should attest to our busy and productive days!

There is a small group of students working on an alternative math assignment. We are doing this because we are trying to provide all students with challenging material. They will present their project as a review for the rest of the class!

Here are a few more important dates. Your child's Saint information is due by (or before) October 15th. They will be making a variety of projects based on this information, so it is very important for them to be quite familiar with their Saint. ITBS testing begins on October 22nd and will take two weeks to complete. Also, Celebrate Life week begins on October 29th.

Thank you for all the Michael's coupons. They really help with purchasing art supplies for the kids at a much reduced price.

Your children are fantastic! I have been teaching them for the past two weeks. I am discovering how to interact and teach successfully. I am sad to be leaving in just three weeks.

Thank you for all you do for your children!
God bless, Jenelle O'Hare



Field Trip Notes

We are going to Howard Christensen Nature Center on Wednesday, Oct. 17th. We leave at 8:30 and return at 2:30.

I do not expect the kids to wear their uniforms that day. Jeans and proper attire for hiking in the woods is fine. If it is cold, please send a jacket. We go, rain or shine!

Pack your son or daughter a lunch (a big one) for the day. We eat in the lodge.

I have attached the slip of volunteer chaperones... Thank you very much for coming with us! Please be here around 8:15 so that we all can gather together for a prayer before we leave.

I am expecting the children to come prepared with a few questions (they will know what I expect). They must find the answers to these questions on the field trip.