



# Fochtman's Fifth Grade News

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## Updates on Learning

### Science:

I can't wait to start our study of the Human Body next week Tuesday! We will study 7 different body systems, starting with the skeletal system. We are going to have some fun with technology by completing a webquest in order to learn about the skeletal system—more information to come...

### Language Arts:

Final drafts of mystery stories are due on Oct. 28th. We have been working on revising and editing and looking at examples of quality writing. We will continue to tackle different parts of speech dur-

ing grammar lab on Wednesdays. Literature Circles have begun with the book Spy-X.

### Math:

We continue to work our way through Chapter 4 which deals with division. This covers one-digit divisors, zeros in the quotient and rules of divisibility.

### Social Studies:

Test next week Tuesday. Then, we will be studying weather and climate.

### Religion:

We have finished up our Gospel portraits and are now taking a closer look at the Bible. What's in it?

Who wrote it? How many books does it contain? So much fun!

### Online Information

If you are looking for rubrics, notes, newsletters, etc. that we may have used in class, go to: St. Thomas website, Prospective Families, Elementary, Fifth Grade, Mrs. Fochtman. I'm trying to post as much as I can electronically.

### Spelling

Mrs. Engel is trying some new things with our class. Thanks for your patience as we work out the kinks! We will keep you informed.

### Important Things:

- Our class is in need of 12 x 18 pieces of hard, firm cardboard. If you have any and are able to cut them to that size, that would be a HUGE help! We will use them for a Science project.
- Celebration of All Saints Day on Tuesday, Nov. 1—Parent Catechists will be in the room from 9-11. We will spend the day in worship, service, and relaxation!



### **Volunteers Needed**

Our class is in need of 3 parent volunteers on Monday, Nov. 7th from 1:00—3:00 to help with our auction project. The children will be breaking tiles to put together four mosaics of the Gospel writers. Please email me if you are able to help out at: [sfochtman@stthomasgr.org](mailto:sfochtman@stthomasgr.org)





