



Fochtman's Fifth Grade News

September 23, 2011

Updates on Learning

Science:

We have been exploring Newton's Three Laws of Motion. This week, we did a slingshot experiment outside to see how

$F = a \times m$. Expect a test on Thursday, Sept. 29th.

Language Arts:

We have been learning about Realistic Fiction and getting to know some of the authors in this genre, like Andrew Clements and Sharon Creech. We are keeping a log of the books we read, and we will practice how to respond to books through book talks. In writing, we are practicing craft-

ing well-written sentences to make our writing great!

Math:

Because we are so blessed to have Mrs. Engel this year, we are able to do some creative grouping in math so that students can move at a comfortable and natural pace. We are moving on to Chapter Two which covers expressions, variables, and reviews adding and subtracting large numbers.

Social Studies:

We will be having a test on Chapter 1: A Geographer's World the first week of Oct.

Religion:

We have been talking about and practicing different ways of addressing God in prayer. Also, we are trying to use the format of P.R.A.Y. (Praise, Repent, Ask, Yield) for our communal morning prayer. We completed our spiritual journey stories which you see up in the hallway soon!



Important Things:

- Please send in an old t-shirt to be used as an art shirt.
- If you have anything you'd like to donate to our **Friday "prize bin"** (candy, trinkets), please send it in with your son or daughter. My supplies are running low.
- Keep sending in those Box Tops for Education!
- If you are not receiving the bulk emails that I have sent out, that means I do not have an email address for you. **Please contact me with your email information.** It is a quick and helpful way to communicate timely information.

Reflection Connection

By Danielle Dull, Patrick Gibbons, and Nick Lourido

"Humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others." Phillipians 2:3-4

When my dad gets home from work, I'll ask him how work was and make him lunch.—Nick
I will hold the door for others.—Danielle

My mom always asks me, "What do you want?" Next time, I am going to ask her if she wants me to do anything.—Patrick

