

September 18, 2009

Dear Parents,

Happy Friday to you! The 5th graders and the 8th graders were in charge of planning the Mass this week. They did an outstanding job and I am so proud of them!

In Religion, we have been discovering the many ways God reveals himself to us. It took a little longer to get through this first chapter because we had some great discussions! The 5th graders are also writing some terrific reflections on the daily scripture readings. We have also been talking a lot about ownership. We did a powerpoint on some important points and the students took notes. They will have a test on these points next Thursday, September 24th. The notes are in their scripture reflection notebooks.

In Social Studies this week, we have been learning about the study of geography and the use of geographic tools by geographers. 5th graders had their first quiz and did very well! Next week, we will discuss the five themes of geography. We will also do some more mapping work.

We have been working with place value of whole numbers in math. Next week we will look at place value of decimals. We will be ready for a test on Chapter 1 on Friday, September 25th.

We are reading The Great Brain by John D. Fitzgerald. This is a very funny book that the kids are really enjoying. It is set in the year 1896. We have had a lot of fun talking about the differences of

growing up in that time. Ask your child to tell you about the water closet! We will be doing a variety of comprehension skills as we work our way through this book. We have begun doing some writing and will be working on our first story next week.

Mrs. Fochtman will be giving me updates on Science. They have been learning about force and inertia this week.

We are sneaking in a little more math work as students figure out decimals, percentages and grades each Friday. This is another way that they are taking ownership for their work. Please sign this sheet each Friday and return it on Monday. Students will always know where they stand in their grades for the week. You will also see if they are missing any assignments.

Other Information:

- Home & School Association fall roller skating party: Monday, September 28th.
- School Pictures are on Monday, September 28th.
- Mrs. F is looking for new and used crayons for an art project.
- Bob and Julie Line Neumann will be hosting the 5th grade parent gathering on October 10th.

Have a wonderful weekend!

In God's Peace,

Mrs. Deb Pieri