



What is happening in the Classroom....

I hope that everyone had a great weekend! I had a low-key weekend and was able to accomplish a lot for school. I am just loving my class; they are energetic and always ready to learn.

4th Grade Sharing spots: Each 4th grade child has a sharing spot in the classroom. This is the place where they can display pictures, medals, or papers they are proud of. This is their spot which they can update anytime. You may send in items tomorrow!

Quarter Book Report: Our quarter one book report is ready to go. We went over the report today and all of the materials went home then. I would love to have book titles by the end of this week or by early next week. This report will be due on Thursday, October 30th. They will present their reports on this day.

Please be sure to sign into FACTS to check out the family portal. Not only will you find the school calendar, but also pictures from the classroom, my newsletters, and forms you may need to fill out. Please be sure to pay for pizza through this portal. Pizza money is due on Tuesday this week.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Curriculum Night on Thursday, September 11th, from 6-7 PM. This is a night for you to meet Mrs. Russo and me and learn about 4th grade and 5th grade. Please let me know in advance if you cannot attend.

XC, Band, and Chorus, if your child has signed up and turned in their permission slip, begin this week. Please check out the monthly calendar that was sent home last week for practices.

If there are any students that would like to speak at the 7 AM Mass at St. Brigid on September 28th for Catholic Schools Appeal, please send me a quick email. I have a script that you can work off of for their speech.

I do allow REDO's on homework. If a child receives a **65% or less**, they can redo the assignment on their own for a higher grade. There are times that I want them to redo the assignment as the concept is important and I will write REDO at the top of their paper.

Just as an FYI to parents: In our math class when I present a new lesson, we take what I like to call 4 square notes. These notes show them how to solve each of the problems they will encounter within their homework that evening. Sometimes we will complete odds or evens so they know the concept and know how I would like their paper set up. This will help you to see how I would like the problem solved and remind the students how to solve the problem.

The MAP testing window begins next week. The classes have 3 weeks to complete the tests. I will be sending home our testing dates next week.



Onto Business.....

Religion: Our lessons this week show how to know Jesus, as the way, the truth and the life. How do those things teach us how to live by example?

Math: This week we take a look at place value up through the millions. We take a look at periods or families, as I call them, (ones, thousands and millions) and each place within those periods (ones, tens and hundreds). We will have fun game to help say the numbers out loud, which will in turn help them write and turn the words into standard form. We will also have our first check on our addition facts. The students will have 5 minutes to complete 100 addition facts. I also encourage you to check your child's homework each night and have them make corrections. This helps them learn what they did incorrectly and in time have them self-correct. Also spelling counts in math class when writing out the numbers.

Science: This week we look at Biology as the study of life. We identify characteristics of organisms and knowing the cell is the smallest unit of life. We will also identify the part of the microscope. To access Nancy Larson materials online go to www.nancylarsonpublishers.com go down to the bottom of the page and pick students, username: assumption password: walrus

Reading: We start one of my favorite books this week, Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing. The tales of Peter and his brother, Fudge, truly make me and the class laugh out loud. Our book started off with Peter winning a big prize which his mother groaned about. The Hatcher's in chapter 2 had a few houseguests. It did not turn out well. What happened you ask? Ask your child what Fudge ate, and a few things he did to scare Mrs. Yarby. We will have vocabulary to learn, questions to answer and many fun projects throughout this novel. Please remember to ask your child each night what we read today in class. This is a great way to focus on reading comprehension outside of class.

Language Arts/Vocabulary: We had a GREAT first week of school together last week! I am looking forward to getting to know your children more in the weeks ahead! This week we begin Unit 1 in Vocabulary. We will be identifying synonyms, antonyms, using our new words in context sentences, and play a spelling game before our vocabulary and spelling tests on Friday.

Social Studies: This week we will identify and label the five major geographic regions in the United States on a map, preview new vocabulary in lesson one, describe major landforms of each region, and explore the difference between regional and state boundaries in the United States.

Our Calendar.....



September 8th: XC Permission slips due, Mass 9 AM Assumption Church

September 9th: XC practice

September 10th: FD time 2 PM

September 11th: Curriculum night 6:00-7:00 PM, NO XC practice

September 12th: Happy Friday! Pizza Friday

September 15th: Mass 9 AM, MAP testing begins for the school

September 16th: XC practice

September 17th: FD time 2 PM

September 18th: XC practice

September 19th: Grandparent's Day Mass 1 PM

Hope you have a great week! God Bless.

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5th Grade Math: This week is all about the millions and billions. Expanded form, place and value will be our big topics this week. We will have an addition check in at 4.5 minutes on Friday. As always, if your child receives a 65% or lower on homework, you have the option to redo the problems that were marked wrong.

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5th Grade Science: This week starts with a fun hands-on lesson. We will build a Galilean refracting telescope. We will look out our windows to see how far we can see. We will also begin our study of constellations and asterisms. This is always a fun unit as we study the stars. If you would like to look at a bit more science with your child head to www.nancylarsonpublishers.com go down to the bottom of the page and pick students, the user name is assumption, the password is walrus.