

Fifth Grade Newsletter

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Science

Water, Water Everywhere, but not a drop to drink!

The next few weeks we will be diving into our science unit on **Oceans**. We will be experimenting wave making in science lab and will continue to reinforce the curriculum by using our process skills.

Vocabulary, notes, and chapter information should be reviewed nightly for 10-15 minutes for students to achieve mastery of the material.

Also, students may come to see Mrs. White on Wednesday afternoon for extra help if it is needed.



Nothing thrills students more than hands-on science!

Language Arts

Now that we have thoroughly reviewed the different types of nouns, we will begin to focus on prepositions and the different types of verbs, as well. We will continue to expand vocabulary and spelling in those important little orange books! Please make sure that you are reviewing the Daily Oral Language worksheets at home.



Reading

Literature Groups

Children are delving into our next literature units . Mrs. Chambers' group is reading Behind the Bedroom Wall dealing with WWII and the persecution of the Jews.

Mrs. Fallaw's group is reading Bridge to Terabithia, a story of true friendship between a boy and a girl.

In order to increase fluency and vocabulary development, students should be reading a minimum of 20 minutes nightly.



DI is more than pacing of the curriculum, it is a method to take into consideration the children's learning styles and find ways to teach and develop study skills with them. Methods like using songs, dances, chants and hands-on activities help students identify what helps them learn best. Transferring this knowledge to the home is important for continued success.

Religion

The Saints Go Marching In!

This month we will take a look at some of the historical people who changed their lives and then became saints. At the end of the month, we will begin a unit on Advent and Christmas. Between those two major events, we will take the stories we have studied in Genesis and begin relating them to our church sacraments.

We continue to make the monthly placemats for the Parish Senior's Luncheon and would love any help with laminating.

Social Studies

Lincoln has been elected and South Carolina has seceded from the union with many states following. The United States is divided and the first shots have been fired. Over the next several weeks we will study the Civil War and Reconstruction. Did the slaves become free and live the same life as white men? That question will be answered in the coming weeks.

