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FIFTH GRADE NEWS

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CURRICULUM CORNER

RELIGION

We are concluding our study of Baptism and will be moving on to the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. We had a visit from Father Juettner, (pastor at St. Andrew's), as well as Father Williams recently. The children asked good questions and we had great discussions.

MATH

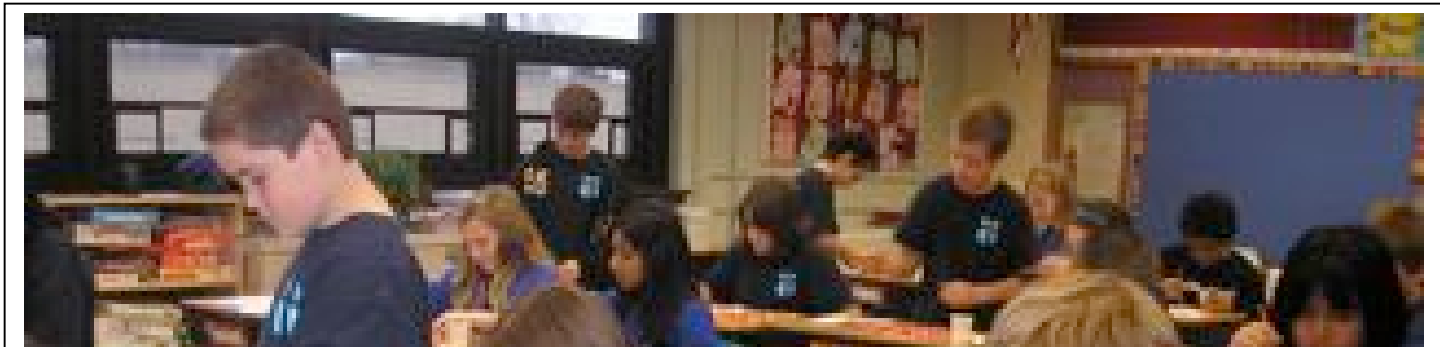
We have been working hard on multiplication of whole numbers and decimals. I have discovered that most fifth graders do not know their math facts. Practicing flashcards several times a week would be very helpful. I am giving timed tests at school. Each student will be graphing their results to monitor their progress.

LANGUAGE ARTS

After Thanksgiving we will begin Literature Circles. We will have three groups and each will be reading different novels. Students will take turns within their group leading discussions, asking questions, illustrating, etc. Students are doing well with their Reader's Response Journals. I am having great book talks with them. It's so exciting to see them get excited about their reading. Please practice Spelling words with your child. The "Review" side of their spelling assessment are the words to practice!!

SCIENCE

We are well into our unit on weather. We are studying the water cycle, leading into how clouds are formed as well as different types of clouds. The students liked the experiment we did to show why condensation occurs. Be sure to ask them about it!



NEWS AND INFORMATION



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IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ December 3-
4th and 5th grade Craft
and Bake Sale
- ❖ December 8-
5th Grade Mass
Feast of the
Immaculate Conception
*Note this is a Tuesday.
- ❖ December 21-
Christmas Program
6 p.m. in church

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- ❖ Craft and Bake Sale Our annual service project will be on Thursday, December 3rd. Volunteers are still needed. Please e-mail me or return the bottom portion of the letter I sent home about a week ago. We have been studying about propaganda and have been advertising at school. The student's posters are wonderful!
- ❖ Patrols Fifth graders are doing a wonderful job as patrols. They take their responsibility very seriously. I am very proud of them.
- ❖ Mass The fifth graders are planning Mass for **Tuesday**, December 8th. It is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Please join us for this 8:00 A.M. all school Mass. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, December 9th at 9:00 a.m.
- ❖ Book Orders Your child is bringing home book orders today along with a letter. You can now order books online through Scholastic. Please refer to the letter for directions. Each time you order online, we receive a free book for our classroom library.
- ❖ Please contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns. Communication is of utmost importance!!

