

April 5, 2024

Fifth Grade News

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

- April 8 – Home Learning Day, please see below for information
- Fund-a-Friend Village of Merici
- April 20 – SMS Gala
- May 2 – Walk-a-thon 1:15
- May 3 – May Crowning 1:30

April 8th - As we plan for Home Learning on April 8th (Solar Eclipse Day), I want to share with you the instructional plans for this day. On Friday, April 5th, your child(ren) will bring home assignments to be completed for Monday, April 8th. **In order to receive attendance for this day, the teachers and I expect these assignments to be returned on Tuesday, April 9th.** I know this is an unexpected time to be out of school. Some of you may be planning something special to participate in the solar eclipse. Please plan ahead for the weekend, knowing that your child(ren)'s Monday work is due on Tuesday when we return.

~Mrs. Swinefurth, Principal

WE ARE LEARNING:

RELIGION: We will conclude Ch. 18 next week. Students will take a quiz over Ch. 17-18 next Friday, April 12th. Students' next prayer to have memorized is Hail Holy Queen. They'll be tested over that on Friday, April 19th.

MATH: We will be wrapping up chapter 9 with our math project presentations. Math projects are due on Tuesday. Next week we will be reviewing line plots. We will have a DMR quiz and time test on Friday, April 12th. IXL lessons U1 and U2 are due on Monday, April 8th. These lessons are still due on Monday since it is still a school day – just at

home. For the at home math assignments, students will be bringing home a packet with Monday's DMR page and the chapter 9 assessment practice pages from their math books. These assignments will be collected at the beginning of class on Tuesday.

LANGUAGE ARTS - We had a Simple Solutions quiz midweek and wrapped up our class discussion on types of media and the roles they play in focusing people's attention and forming opinions. I introduced our last writing assignment for the year which will be a Narrative project. Students were given a list of prompts/topics to choose from or they could brainstorm on their own. The goal for this week was to choose a topic and develop character, setting and theme.

SCIENCE - Students researched ecosystems this week. After completing the research, they created food webs that showed the energy transfer in the ecosystem. Next week, we are continuing our biology study with classifying organisms and the environment.

SOCIAL STUDIES - We continued discussing the causes of The American Revolution and the battles that took place. This is just a friendly reminder for those students who need to take both the Western and Final 50 States and Capitals tests during the fourth quarter. There are several spring activities coming up that fall on a Thursday (Walk-a thon, Talent Show) so please plan accordingly and do not wait until the last minute! The following Thursdays are possible options to take: Thursday, April 11, Thursday, April 18, Thursday, April 25, Thursday, and May 9.

READING - 5th grade will continue reading our novel *Because of Mr. Terupt*. We will be working on main idea, which of these is *not* true, setting, identifying what doesn't fit in a sequence, chronological order, making predictions, author's purpose, and summarizing.

REMINDERS:

Non-uniform passes are used for jeans/sweatpants and top. Please remember, pajamas are not approved attire for non-uniform passes. Students may only wear pajamas to school on designated pajama days or with a special pajama day pass.

Both fifth grade classrooms are running out of tissues. We would love and appreciate any donations of tissues as we enter allergy season.

Many students are bringing and wearing lip gloss to school. Lip gloss is considered make-up and as stated in the St. Matthew Handbook, make-up is not permitted. Students may bring chapstick, but no lip gloss.

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