

Mrs. Gilbertson's Class

4th and 5th Grade Room 8

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Wow! We have already completed three weeks of school. How can that be possible? The students and I are beginning to settle into a routine. This week we successfully added specials to our day. The students have been thrilled to express themselves and excel in different areas. Next week, our orchestra students will add that to their day. There is never a dull moment or a lack of opportunity here at good ol' St. Charles.

Thank you for the continued support of your students and our classroom community. Have a great weekend.

-Mrs. "G"

- **Multiplication Table Timed Tests:**

This week students began working hard to master their multiplication tables. I issued them a challenge. They must beat the 5s table in one minute. They then will advance to the 9s table (2 minutes), then the 12s table (3 minutes), and then the 15s table (5 minutes). Every time the students "level up" they are awarded a prize from my prize closet. Each level earns a bigger and better prize. The majority of the students have smashed through the 5s table and are very close to beating the 9s table. **THIS IS EXCITING STUFF!!!** Check in with your student to see what their status is and find out if there is anything you can do to help them. Parents make the best cheerleaders.



Upcoming Events

September 10

Orchestra Begins @ GMS

September 10

Spelling Test 2

September 12

5th grade reading packet due

Thought Focus:

"There are a thousand reasons for failure, but not a single excuse."

-Unknown

Idea:

Ask your student to tell you what they know about **galaxies**. They are a hot topic in 4th/5th grade science.

- **Orchestra and Specials:**

Just a reminder that Orchestra (for those involved) will begin on September 10th. NOTE! There **will not** be Orchestra on **September 12th**.

- **Communication is Key!**

The students completed their first spelling test this week, Tuesday. The graded tests can be found in their Friday folders coming home today. Many of the scores were lower than I had anticipated. As with any test (any subject) in my room, students may retake the test within the week following the return of the graded test. All test retakes **must be scheduled** for a time **after school**. You can email me to schedule a retest. Please contact me if you have any questions on this topic.

New spelling words will come home on Mondays after students have tested. I will post spelling words to the class website (found at the top of this newsletter) every Monday.

- **Thank you:**

I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to those of you who have so graciously welcomed me to the St. Charles community. I am excited to be here and am having a ball working with these amazing young people. Thank you to those of you who have supplied our classroom with extra donations. They are greatly appreciated. This academic process cannot be successful or as meaningful without you.

Here is to a great weekend with family and another exciting and productive week come Monday.

God Bless!