

5th and 6th Grade Notes

January 10, 2020

Happy New Year! It seems as if everyone has grown taller over break! As your child continues to grow and mature, it may be time for you to help them develop a personal hygiene routine that includes a daily shower and use of an antiperspirant/deoderant. Our classroom can become quite odorous, especially after gym and recess.

Until further notice, I am discontinuing the use water bottles during class time. They have become more of a distraction being accidentally knocked over and we have had several spills.

What we've done this week...

- **ELA**

- Completed persuasive papers are hanging in the hallway.
- We compared and contrasted friendly and formal letter requirements.
- Started our last 2nd marking period writing project.

We will be incorporating a whole class chapter book study in the 3rd marking period. A reasonable amount of reading and related work will be assigned daily. If your student struggles with completing reading assignments, I encourage you to explore and find alternatives that work with your family. With my own children, we have used books on tape or CD, digital media, Bookshare.org (requires a diagnosed reading or print disability, so it may not be an option for you), and plain, old reading the book aloud to help engage the ones that needed a push.

- **Social Studies**

- We took a quiz over the northeast region in US Geography. Corrections can be made to earn back half of missed points. Check your student's stack of returned work today to see their grade.
- Ancient History returns next week.

- **Religion**

- We are continuing our study of *Genesis* and *Original Sin*.
- A copy of the prayers to memorize have been attached. It doesn't take long to practice on the commute to and from school or before bed.

- **Math**

- 6th grade has finished their packet on m&m statistics and will continue finishing up the chapter next week. We will be looking to test in the beginning of the 3rd quarter.
- Multiplying decimals continues to be the focus for 5th grade math.

- **Other News**

- The 2nd marking period ends next Friday. All test and quiz corrections and any missing homework must be submitted by January 17, 2020.
- *Catholic Schools Week* begins January 27. Look for more info about the fun activities scheduled that week.
- *Pack the Pews* concludes *CSW* on February 1 at the 5pm mass. The *Snowball Dinner Dance* is also on February 1 immediately following church. Come join our school and parish family for a great night of fellowship, fun, and not doing dishes!

As always, contact me with any questions. I hope everyone stays safe and warm this weekend.

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