

Mother of Good Counsel

Following God's Road to Success

5th Grade Pride

Mr. Reichertz



Important Dates

April 6-9 - MGC 8th Grade Musical – James and the Giant Peach JR.

April 12 - Stem Club

April 13 - 11:30 Dismissal, Holy Thursday

April 14-21 - Easter Break

April 26 - Family Lunch

April 28 - Tag Day

Math

During the month of April your student will master addition and subtraction of fractions. They will begin to write answers in simplest form and use the least common denominator to write an equivalent fraction. Working with improper fractions and mixed numbers will also occur. The Common Core standards they will learn are: 5.NF.A Use equivalent fractions as a strategy to add and subtract fractions.

5.NF.A.1 Add and subtract fractions with unlike denominators (including mixed numbers) by replacing given fractions with equivalent fractions in such a way as to produce an equivalent sum or difference of fractions with like denominators.

Visit the following web sites to find information on Common Core. <http://www.ixl.com/standards/wisconsin/math/grade-5>
<http://www.corestandards.org/Math/>

Social Studies- The fifth graders will be reading Chapter 11, *War for Independence*. Some objectives will be to compare the strengths and weaknesses of the British and Colonial forces, the roles of European nations in the Revolution, and how the Revolution affected the lives of people in America. We will finish the month learning about the Constitution.

Science - By the end of the month they will know the different weather patterns and climates in the United States. Objectives they will accomplish are knowing how the weather can be different in certain parts of the country, describing how severe storms will cause great damage, and how long term weather patterns will determine climates. The fifth graders will also be creating a tornado in a bottle and making a model of climates in two areas. By the end of the month they will begin Unit 3, The Energy of Sound and Light.

Religion

5th graders will pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.

First Mystery-Agony in the Garden: Jesus sweats water and blood while praying the night before his passion.

Second Mystery- Scourging at the Pillar: Pilate has Jesus whipped.

Third Mystery- The Crowning with Thorns: Roman soldiers crown Jesus' head with thorns.

Fourth Mystery- The Carrying of the Cross: Jesus meets His mother and falls three times on the way up Calvary.

Fifth Mystery- The Crucifixion: Jesus is nailed to the cross and dies before His mother and His apostle John.

Make sure your students are reading! Let's help them reach their AR goal. Students should be reading at least 20 minutes a night.

Reading- The students will work on the comprehension skills: drawing conclusions, main idea, compare and contrast, fact and opinion, and sequence. The class will be able to use the strategies of prior knowledge, visualize, and text structure.

Common Core Standards:

CC5RI2 – Determine two or more main ideas of a text and explain how they are supported by key details; summarize the text.

CC4RI5 – Compare/Contrast the overall structure (e.g., chronology, comparison, cause/effect, problem/solution) of events, ideas, concepts, or information in two or more texts.

Grammar The class will understand and correctly use: modifiers, conjunctions, commas, and quotations when writing. The students will prepare for their State Poster Project by learning to take notes for informational writing and outlining.

Spelling The class will have the skill to spell words with ei and ie and compound words; also, easily confused words such as except and accept, affect and effect.

Common Core Standards:

CC5L1 - CC5L2 - Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

a. Use punctuation to separate items in a series.

b. Use underlining, quotation marks, or italics to indicate titles of words.