

4th/5th Grade News

January 22, 2018

Last week both the 4th and 5th graders began work on their NOUN TOWN, and it is really starting to take shape. I am always amazed at how creative your children can be. We have some of the most interesting shops and restaurants in NOUN TOWN, and all the cars seem to be driving on any side of the road they want. I didn't realize nouns could be so fun!

Areas of Study for the Week:

5th Grade Religion - The **Chapter 8 Religion Test** is scheduled for **Friday, Jan. 26th**. The test will cover the first big part of the Mass: The Liturgy of the Word. Chapter 9 is next, and it will teach us about the second big part of the Mass: The Liturgy of the Eucharist.

5th Reading - We are reading *The Great Gilly Hopkins* by Katherine Paterson during reading time, and learning how Gilly is a developing character. The next **Vocabulary Quiz** will be on **Tuesday, Jan. 23rd**. All 5th graders need to read a book of their choice and pass another **A.R. Test** by **Friday, Jan. 26th**.

5th Grade "**Hares**" Math Group - Daily assignments will be given covering Lessons 52 - 55 with Hubner Homework on Friday. Please practice your math facts every day.

5th Grade "**Turtles**" Math Group - Daily assignments will be given covering Lessons 47 - 49 with Hubner Homework on Friday. Please practice your math facts every day.

4th/5th Grade Writing - Both classes will be writing a formal descriptive paper this week using the four steps of the writing process: brainstorm, rough draft, edit/revise, and final copy. The final copy of their **descriptive paragraph** will be due on **Tuesday, Jan. 30th**.

4th/5th Grade English - Nouns will be our English topic during the month of January. This week we will be focused on the differences between common and proper nouns. Please stop upstairs and check out our NOUN TOWN. It is awesome!

4th/5th Grade Science - Last week we began classifying the Animal Kingdom. We looked at all the vertebrates and constructed a chart to show how the five groups of animals with a backbone are categorized. This week we are going to spend time exploring how the invertebrates are classified.

Catholic Schools Week is fast approaching. The kick off will be at the **8:30 AM Mass on Sunday, Jan. 28th**, followed by a Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and an Open House from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Consider bringing a new family that might be interested in joining our school community to this event. **Tuesday, Jan. 30th**, the 5th graders will be attending **Mass at Boylan High School** with all the other Rockford Catholic Schools. Watch for permission slips to come home this week, and please consider being a driver for this field trip. Join us at the Catholic Schools Week Ice Hogs Game on Friday, Feb. 2nd, and don't forget the 2018 Battle of the Brains Competition at Rockford Lutheran High School on Monday, Feb. 5th from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. Parents are welcome and encouraged to stay and watch the event.

Have a wonderful week!

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