

GRESHAW GAZETTE



Friday Newsletter

Language Arts

Word Wisdom- We are working on Unit 5 Measurement. I have started a second group of students working on some different vocabulary if they test out of the pretest. If you have questions regarding this, let me know.



Reading Workshop- We are continuing to work with the book Number the Stars. I think everyone is enjoying this

book. We are creating a lot of connections with this book and Letters from Rifka, which is the book I am reading aloud.

Writer's Workshop- The students will start working on their next piece of writing: "Three Meal Weather". It is based on the book Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs. We will be working together on their graphic organizers to get ideas.

Math

We just finished our chapter on Geometry. We covered lines, angles, and triangles. We will next review divisibility, prime/composite numbers, prime factorization (We studied this back at the beginning of division) and then spend some time on greatest common factors (GCF), and least common multiples (LCM). After that, we will start our HUGE fractions unit.

Science

We are continuing to study the Human Body. Right now we are on the Cardiovascular System. Students are learning about the components to the Cardiovascular System and how it works.

Social Studies

Students will take their Ch. 4 Great Lakes test on Monday. In this chapter we looked at the Great Lakes and the effects people have had on them over the years. Students learned about pollution, habitat loss, and invasive species. They also learned about the new ways we are all trying to preserve the Great Lakes.

Religion

We just finished the sacrament of Confirmation. We have talked about the differences/similarities that confirmation and Baptism have. The fifth graders will be in charge of Mass on February 16th. Hope to see you there!

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As a Lenten Project, the fifth graders make rosaries. For some students it will take all of Lent to make the beads. Others will make rosaries for themselves and every member of their family. I introduce the project on Ash Wednesday and will show them my finished rosary. This is a very fun and educational project that the students will be able to keep forever. If you think you might be able to help donate to this project, please send me an email and I will let you know how! Thanks!

Just to Add...

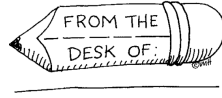
- The dog days of the school year are definitely upon us. February is always a challenge. It's at this time when students need to work extra hard at concentrating on their studies. Students should not need to work over an hour per night, but putting the time and **effort** into homework is **very** important. Second quarter I received a lot of homework turned in late, no homework turned in at all, homework not completed, and no name homework. If you could help me by encouraging your student to make sure everything is completed the night before and put in his/her binder, that would be great. We spend a great deal of time on our planners every day. It is my hope that they will use this tool to help them in their organization next year. It should also be helping them this year!
- Until Infinite Campus, our new online grading system, is rolled out to the parents, please know that I have been printing off missing work reports for students every Friday.
- A huge thank you to Mrs. Koenigsnecht for coming in and reading to the class on January 27th. If you are still interested in being a Mystery Reader and have not received a definite date, let me know by email mgreshaw@stpaul-school.org. Any close relative is invited to share with the class.
- A note about Camp will be coming home soon!



Don't forget: Students keep your completed work in your binders!

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