

Dear 5A Families,

A few quick reminders:

- Please order SCRIP to support our school!
- We'll be going to the library tomorrow, so students should bring books that they are ready to return.
- **Chapter 4 Math Test on Thursday**
- **Christmas Pageant:** December 19th @ 6:30 pm (Please arrive between 6:00 and 6:15 pm and drop your child off in the classroom!)
- 5th Grade Pageant **Costumes:** white shirts, dark pants (not jeans) OR white dresses

Religion – The class will be reading and reflecting on the **Advent** Sunday readings and celebrating this holy season at school. The 5th graders will take a turn leading one school-wide Advent prayer service in December (12/17) and will be decorating one of the pillars in the auditorium to symbolize the candle for the 4th Sunday of Advent.

This week, we will start our **Bullying Prevention** unit with the first content lesson. This week's lesson focuses on "Recognizing, Reporting, and Refusing" bullying. In this lesson, students will become better able to recognize what bullying is, why it is against the rules in schools, and to have empathy for those impacted by bullying. They will be encouraged and empowered to report bullying and taught to refuse bullying (seek help and respond assertively when appropriate). The Home Link will come home Tuesday and will be due on Friday.

Culture, Trade and Geography Played a Part in the Formation of the 13 Colonies is the Central Idea of our second IB unit. The Transdisciplinary Theme for this unit is: "Where We Are in Time and Place." In preparation for our simulation learning activity, in which the students take on the role of early colonists, we are wrapping up our map skills exercises and will take a short map skills assessment this week, and then we will dive in to our simulation activity.

Math – We're reviewing and preparing for a **Chapter 4 Math Test on Thursday**, addressing **division with double-digit divisors**. Students are gaining skill and confidence in "adjusting quotients" – when we estimate the incorrect number in trying to find the quotient and need to use what we learned to try again. We're also continuing to work on problem solving and identifying the information that is provided, recognizing what is being asked, and differentiating between relevant and unnecessary information. Students will be working on study guides, and we will be reviewing in class. Although the test is Thursday, we don't view this as a conflict with One Church if they review this evening and tomorrow and use time wisely in class!

ELA - This week, we will continue working with verbs and will be using what we learn in our paragraph writing. We've been working with action verbs and direct objects. We're also working on persuasive paragraph writing, based on articles that we read in class. Students are revising and editing independently and with a buddy, using a checklist. They are gaining skills in improving their writing through strong introductory and concluding sentences, details supported by examples, and strong word choice.

Students should be reading at least 25 minutes each evening. The Trimester II AR goal is also 15 points.

Have a wonderful week!

Upcoming Important Dates:

- 12/12 – All School Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Christmas Ship performance (MYP choir) @ 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
- 12/17 – Third Advent Prayer Service – **planned and led by 5th grade**, First House Caroling Rehearsal (2:15-2:45 PM)
- 12/19 – Christmas Program – ALL SCHOOL
- 12/20 – Second House Caroling Rehearsal (2:15-2:45 PM)
- 12/21 – Last Advent Prayer Service, House Caroling Competition, **Noon Dismissal**