5A News – March 4, 2019

March IB Theme: **RISK-TAKER**

Dear 5A Families,

It sounds like the class worked really hard with Mrs. Hauer last week. We’re glad to be back with them!

**Reminders:** Please remember the **Lenten Food Drive** that runs through this week and keep up the support of our **SCRIP** program!

In **Religion**, the class will be preparing for the beginning of Lent, including participating in the Ash Wednesday prayer service at 9:30 am. We are also continuing to review for the upcoming ACRE religion test next month.

This week’s **Second Step** topic is *Resisting Revenge*. The Home Link (Lesson 13) will be due on Friday.

We’ve begun our IB unit: **Water is essential to life and is a limited resource for many people.** This unit includes several hands-on investigations, and our Key Concepts are **change** and **responsibility,** along with the Related Concepts of **conservation** and **distribution**.Our Lines of Inquiry include:

* Sources of water and how water is used
* What happens to water after we use it
* Distribution and availability of usable water
* Responsibility regarding water

Student projects on their chosen **water-related issues** are due this Friday.

Our next mystery focuses on the **water cycle** and explores the question, “**Can we make it rain?**”

**ELA** – The class will continue working on **research skills** as they explore their water topics and practice **citing their sources** in MLA format and reading articles related to our unit.

**Math** – Both classes are continuing to work with **multiplication of decimals** this week. They are practicing explaining their mathematical thinking and processes in writing and solving problems involving multiplication of whole numbers by decimals and decimals by decimals.

Congratulations to Allie, Nathaniel, and Owen for placing second as they completed with students from local schools in the **Global Reading Challenge** last Thursday!

**Upcoming Important Dates:**

* Wednesday, March 6th – Ash Wednesday Prayer Service 9:30 am
* Thursday, March 14th – End of Winter Trimester
* Friday, March 15th – NO School for students – Staff In-service (MAP Data Day)
* Friday, March 22nd – Report Cards