

5A News – April 29, 2019
April IB Theme: **Reflective**

Dear 5A Families,

If you haven't yet turned in your child's Permission Slip or \$12 for "**The Phantom Tollbooth**" on May 7th, please send those in by Thursday. Thanks to those of you who have volunteered to drive. We'll get back to you later this week with details!

Religion – We are beginning our focus on **Moral Education**. We'll be reflecting on the topics: The Human Person, Made in the image of God; the Foundation of Human Dignity, and Made for Happiness with God, as well as reviewing the Beatitudes.

Before break, we really enjoyed our Seder Meal with the fifth graders. They were open-minded and reflective participants, and they had insightful comments and connections in our conversations afterwards.

IB/ELA – Students are continuing to deepen their understanding of the **American Revolution** through **historical fiction**. We are also beginning our **StoryPath** unit about **Colonial Boston** that will give students a glimpse of colonial life through a simulation experience. This will continue after break, as we move from our current unit directly into our next IB unit, focused on **Founding Our Nation**. Students will be practicing their research skill as they learn about a selected historical figure, in preparation for a presentation later this spring. Our summative assessment for this IB unit is to have the students write their own declaration, modeled after the **Declaration of Independence**, addressing an issue in their own life. This week, we are starting to learn about the reasons for the Declaration of Independence, the process of creating it, and the parts that make up the document. Students will be learning and working with content-specific vocabulary throughout these units.

We have a few more **Book Project** presentations to go and will start our final project next week.

We will return to **Science** for the last month of school.

In **Math**, students are working fractions and decimals, beginning to add and subtract decimals, and some geometry (including looking for polygons around the school!). We're continuing to focus on the purpose of learning these math concepts, as we help our students develop proficiency in applying them in problem solving situations!

Upcoming Important Dates:

- May 3rd – Progress Reports go home
- May 6th – All school Mass in school families
- May 7th – 5th Grade & 7th Grade "The Phantom Tollbooth" Play
- May 17th – 18th – AUCTION!