

Dear 5A Families,

This week is going to fly by! Remember that **Friday is the Fundraising Day Off**, giving us a 4-day Memorial Day weekend. Thank you for your support of all of the school's essential fundraisers – and of this weekend's **auction**. What a great two nights, and it was fun to see so many of you there. The class was thrilled to win the **ice cream prize** for raffle ticket/pre-registration sales!

Rick and I have both commented on multiple occasions about how much we are going to miss this class. They have such great enthusiasm and caring spirits and are engaged and eager learners. We appreciate their thoughtful and confident participation every day!

Tomorrow and Wednesday, we will continue with **MAP testing** in the morning. We're hoping that everyone will be well rested and come to school having had a nourishing breakfast. Thank you!

Religion – The class participated in Mass on Friday, and we're wrapping up our unit on the importance of the Eucharist this week.

Our **Second Step** lesson this week focuses on "**Dealing with Peer Pressure**" and using Assertiveness Skills to resist. The Home Link will be due on Thursday.

ELA – Students have the assignment sheet and rubric for their final **Book Project** – a board game that reflects their understanding of the plot, characters, and setting of their chosen book. This will be due on May 30th, and we will have an opportunity to try out the games with the whole 5th grade!

We are continuing to write on-demand **paragraphs** and paragraphs that will be edited and revised. The class started the week with a prompt about what it means to be a **thinker**, paying special attention to **subject-verb agreement**. We will also be working on **varied sentence starts and strong conclusions** this week and next.

In **Math**, students are working on **adding and subtracting fractions**, using Least Common Multiples to find the Least Common Denominator. They will also be solving real-world problems involving fractions. We've been pulling out the fraction tiles in class to reinforce the concepts in this unit.

Today, we started our science-based **IB** unit: **Chemical reactions enable us to make new materials by transforming the ones we have**. The introductory lesson was an inquiry into why stone gargoyles seem to disappear over time.

We will also be continuing to prepare for our **Living Museum** in early June, our culminating activity for our **Different Perspectives Can Cause Conflict** and **Liberties Come with Responsibilities** units. Our learning about our nation's early history will continue through our StoryPath Colonial Boston unit, so we will have some overlap as we delve back into science!

Upcoming Important Dates:

- May 24th – Fundraising DAY OFF
- May 27th – MEMORIAL DAY
- May 29th – Spring Concert (Students should wear nice clothes and arrive between 6:00 pm and 6:15 pm. The concert starts at 6:30 pm.)
- May 31st – Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – For all of you wonderful volunteers!
- June 12th – NEW Date for Field Day