

5A News – May 6, 2019
May IB Theme: **Thinker**

Dear 5A Families,

We're looking forward to tomorrow's field trip! Please be sure to sign and return your child's Progress Report envelope. Thank you!

Religion – We are continuing 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. We're also celebrating Mary this month!

IB/ELA – In our current unit, **Different Perspectives Cause Conflict**, we are immersed in our simulation about Colonial Boston and are learning about the effects of taxation by Britain on the colonists and their reactions and responses. As we move closer to the forming of our nation, we will transition to our next unit, **Liberties Come with Responsibilities**. During this unit, the 5th grade will have a variety of speakers to talk about liberties and responsibilities in our school, our parish, and our community.

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 close to wrapping up our **American Revolution book groups** and will be **comparing and contrasting** what each group learned from the **perspective** of the characters in their book next week.

Students are also working on **research** about their colonial "Person of Interest," in preparation for our Living Museum at the end of the month and are also working on **editing skills** in ELA.

In **Math**, students are working fractions and decimals, beginning to add and subtract decimals, and some geometry. Students in math class with Ms. Bakamis will have a test on Monday, May 13th, and students in class with Ms. Ramos/Mr. Boyle will have a test on Tuesday, May 14th.

In mid-May, we will be starting our science-based IB unit: **Chemical reactions enable us to make new materials by transforming the ones we have.**

Learning Garden – The plants in the hydroponics tower are continuing to grow rapidly, and 5A will have our next garden class next Tuesday!

Upcoming Important Dates:

- May 7th – 5th Grade & 7th Grade "The Phantom Tollbooth" Play
- May 17th – 18th – AUCTION!
- May 23rd – Parents' Club meeting
- May 27th – MEMORIAL DAY
- May 29th – Spring Concert