

FIFTH GRADE NEWS

Sts. Peter and Paul
School

Haubstadt, IN

January 29, 2018

Mrs. Martin's Classroom Newsletter

Teacher's Message

Dear Parents,

The end of the year will be here before we know it! It has become a tradition to make a year end DVD for the fifth grade with pictures from school events that have happened since they have been here at Sts. Peter and Paul. We would like you to send or even email in pictures of school events that showcase the students of the fifth grade. You may copy the pictures on a CD if you would like. We would like group pictures so that everyone will have their picture in the DVD. If as the year progresses you get some good classroom pictures, just email them to me.

We will put these pictures to music. Please start sending these pictures in as soon as possible. We will send these back when we have completed scanning them or copying from a CD. We would like these by Friday, February 24th. This way we will be able to complete this and it will be shown at the Fifth Grade Recognition Mass.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Martin

Upcoming Events and Dates

**Thursday, February 1 –
Diocesan Open House –
5:00-7:00**

**Deanery Mass at Holy
Cross at 9:00- Sunday best
with NO jeans.**

**Tuesday, February 6 –
Daddy/Daughter Dance**

**Thursday, February 8 –
Mother/Son Dance**

**Please make sure you send
in your reservation and
how many are coming!**

Religion Corner

We are finishing up discussing how we are made in God's Image. The students will be making posters to show how we can be like Jesus.

Weekly Work and Tests

Math – We are finishing up adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers and getting ready to start multiplying fractions.

Social Studies – The students are working on their American Revolution lessons and making an iMovie.

Spelling – Test on Friday.

Reminders to Students

Please continue working on your multiplication and division facts.

Reminders to Parents

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This newsletter is always on our school web-site.

Getting your kids to participate in chores isn't just about making your life as a parent a little easier. It's about teaching responsibility and creating a stable home environment where your kids know what is expected of them and where they can truly thrive.

How do you get your kids to do their part, though, without putting up a fight? Here are five tips for getting your kids involved:

1. Start Early

The easiest way to teach your kids to share the responsibility for regular chores around the house is to encourage their participation early. Basically, as soon as they're able to walk, they can begin to help you with small chores, like putting their toys away or tossing laundry into a basket. If you have older children, though, don't lose hope. It's never too late to begin making positive changes and teaching your kids responsibility.

2. Offer Choices

Allow your kids to have a say in the tasks they'll be responsible for. One way to do this is to make a list all of the jobs that need to be completed, and allow each child to choose two or three age-appropriate tasks. Another idea is to make a game out of completing chores. For example, with young children, you can create chores cards, such as "dust," "vacuum," "bathroom sink," "empty the garbage cans," and "take out the recycling." Then, on "chore day," you can each pick one or two cards and complete those jobs. Working together, you'll have these tasks done in no time!

3. Demonstrate

One mistake that's easy to make is expecting our kids to do chores we've never really shown them how to do. The result is frustration for everyone! So whenever you're introducing a new task, make sure you teach your kids how to do it. From making their own beds to starting the dishwasher, make sure you demonstrate the skills you want your children to learn.

4. Set Reasonable Expectations

The most important thing about teaching your children to be responsible for chores around the house is that you're learning to work together as a family. At the same time, you're also exposing them to skills they'll need as adults. It doesn't matter if the results are not perfect. In fact, they're not going to be; so you can just dismiss that idea right now. Over time, though, you'll begin to see that your kids are getting better and better at the skills you're teaching them.

5. Gradually Increase Your Kids' Responsibilities

As your children become more skilled in completing chores around the house, mix it up by introducing new tasks. For example, once your preteen has mastered the task of sorting laundry, consider whether he or she is ready to begin *doing* laundry! Even if you just started out with sheets and towels, it would be a huge load off your shoulders. It would also prepare for kids for doing their *own* laundry in their teen years, which is a great way to teach kids to take better care of their own clothes (and even motivate them to actually *re-wear* a not-so-dirty pair of jeans once in a while).