



FIFTH GRADE NEWS



Sts. Peter and Paul School

Haubstadt, IN
October 8, 2018

Mrs. Martin's Classroom Newsletter

Teacher's Message

Dear Parents,

The fifth grade will be going to a Red Ribbon Rally on Wednesday, Oct. 17, at Princeton High School in the morning at 9:00 am. This rally is for 5th and 6th grades throughout Gibson County. It is awesome to see all the schools come together! There will be a permission slip in the folder. Please sign and return.

This week is the end of the 1st nine weeks. We are continuing to work on making the students responsible for themselves. This includes making sure they take home what is needed and getting homework completed. We are discussing ways to make sure they bring to school what they need. I am hearing a lot of "Mom didn't put it back in my folder, etc." and I have discussed with them that this is their responsibility.

One of the main difficulties the students have is writing down their assignments at the end of the day. When I assign something, I usually have them write it in their planner. At the end of the day, I ask them to once again check the Assignment Board to make sure they have what they need. Hopefully they are not telling you they didn't know the assignment!

Sincerely, Mrs. Martin

Upcoming Events and Dates

Friday, Oct. 12 – End of the 1st Quarter

Wednesday, Oct. 10 – Seminarians visit 4th and 5th Grade

Monday, Oct. 15 – NO SCHOOL! Fall Break!

Wednesday, Oct. 17 – Red Ribbon Rally at PCHS

Friday, Oct. 19 – Report Cards Issued

Oct. 24 and Oct. 25 – Parent/Teachers Conference
– Please make sure that you have signed up on Sycamore.

Week of Oct. 22 – 26 Red Ribbon Week

Religion Corner

We are working on learning all our prayers. We are saying the Beatitudes each day after lunch. There is chart near my desk that I mark off after each prayer they say by memory. They have been doing great!

We are also discussing the Rosary.

Weekly Work and Tests

Math – We are going to finish up multiplying decimals this week with a test the beginning of next week.

Social Studies – We are learning about how all the settlements and how this affected all the Native Americans.

Spelling - Test on Friday

Reminders to Students

Don't forget to keep practicing your fact!

Reminders to Parents

If you need to contact me, my e-mail address is:

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This newsletter is always on our school web-site.

Homework Hints

Use praise to achieve intrinsic motivation. Praising work done well is a great way to get your child to be intrinsically motivated. Intrinsic motivation is about doing things because they make you feel proud, rather than doing them because you get an external reward. Occasional rewards for a special project done really well can be a great boost but regular material rewards are best avoided. When your child does their homework, tell them that you are really proud of them for being organized, timely, proactive, etc.

Make homework your children's responsibility, rather than your own. This may seem difficult, especially in a time when many parents feel a sense of self-responsibility about homework, but it's absolutely vital that your child learns as early as possible that homework is their responsibility, not yours. For example, if your child forgets their homework or books at school, don't spend hours tracking down a maintenance worker to let you into the building so you can retrieve their forgotten items. If they can find a way to get them, great, and if not, they'll have to suffer the consequences.

Let the kids deal with the consequences of not doing their homework. Refrain from calling or emailing your child's teacher to make excuses or request extra time. Though it may seem difficult, it's best that your child learns that they are responsible for their own work and they will have to deal with the consequences of their actions. Naturally, if you have a child with learning or other disabilities, you may need to adjust this hands-off approach. Don't be afraid to seek support from professional people skilled in your child's particular disability; they may be able to provide you with additional strategies.