

Newsletter May/ June

5th / 6th Grade

Religion

Reviewing the Sacraments of Healing (Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick) is our present topic. We will briefly look at each of these and discuss how Jesus continues His ministry of both spiritual and physical healing in the Church today. Then we will conclude our work with the Sacraments by exploring Holy Orders and Matrimony and how these both involve commitments and both serve the work of the Church. Our next topics will include making good moral decisions, living a holy life with God's gift of grace, and learning more about the Ten Commandments and their importance in our lives as good Catholics.

Health

"Planning for Safety" is our new chapter in health. We will first examine hazards inside and outside the home that can lead to injuries and how to respond if an emergency arises. Students will learn basic First Aid for common injuries, which are not serious if taken care of properly. Then we will look at how to prevent injuries while playing and the use of safety equipment and gear. Our final topic will be fire safety: recognizing fire hazards in the home and how to escape if a fire occurs. A chapter test will follow.

Science

Our next chapter is in "Unit C: Earth Science." In our first chapter "The Changing Earth," we will learn about how the earth is constantly changing, and knowing about its processes will help us to better understand our planet's past and to better care for its future. Along with this chapter, we will be taking a closer look at the layers of the earth and different rocks and minerals found on and in the earth's surface.

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Please check assignment notebooks for homework and test dates!

Math

5th Grade

We have been working on a new unit in geometry and are now discussing how to classify quadrilaterals. The concepts of congruency, similarity, and symmetry will also be explored as they relate to polygons. Then students will be able to describe the parts of a circle and apply geometry to various word problems. The next chapter will deal with perimeter, area, and volume.

6th Grade

We are now discussing area of triangles, parallelograms, and circles and the volume and surface area of rectangular prisms, along with word problems that apply these concepts. We will then investigate some algebraic concepts. Students will be able to compare and order integers and then add, subtract, multiply, and divide them. Graphing of ordered pairs on a coordinate plane will conclude this unit, and then students will learn how to solve basic algebraic equations.

Social Studies

We are currently studying chapter 13, "The Roman Empire." During this chapter, we have discussed how Rome went from a republic to an empire. We have also discussed many important emperors such as Augustus Caesar.

Our next, and final chapter, will be "Christianity and the Legacies of Rome." During this chapter, we will be taking a closer look at the various religions in Rome before focusing on Christianity.

Language Arts

We are taking a break from our literature books to read *Number the Stars*. This book is about two young girls, Annemarie and Ellen, who live in Denmark during World War II. Ellen's family is Jewish and must flee Denmark before the Nazis arrest them. Annemarie's family take on the dangerous mission to get Ellen to safety. Throughout the book, we will be having vocabulary and reading quizzes on the chapters. We will also be doing a variety of activities to help us better understand the book.

In Grammar, we are still working with prepositions and prepositional phrases to help improve our writing.