



# NOVEMBER

St. Francis of Assisi  
Catholic School

November 9, 2020  
Mrs. Rayhel's Class

## Fifth Grade Newsletter

### Note from the Teacher

It has been nice to meet with you virtually to discuss your child's accomplishments and goals. We look forward to a successful year.

As Thanksgiving approaches, we ask our 5th graders to bring in food donations for St. Francis House. They are in need of macaroni, canned vegetables and canned fruit.

The Fifth Grade Homework Blog is located at:  
<http://www.mrsrayhelhomework.blogspot.com//>

### Upcoming Events

Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> – 11:30 Early Dismissal

Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Day (No School)

November 8<sup>th</sup> to November 21<sup>st</sup> – [Scholastic Virtual Book Fair](#). Thank you for your support of the online Book Fair.

### Upcoming Test Dates\*

Math – Chapter 4, Fractions, 11/16.

English – Pronouns Test, 11/16.

Religion – Unit 1 Test, 11/17.

Science – Quiz on Cycles in Ecosystems, 11/18.

**\*Please note that these dates are tentative and subject to change based on a daily assessment of the students' progress. As test and quiz dates are announced in class, it is the students' responsibility to write these dates in their agendas.**

### Academics

#### Religion

In Religion, students will understand the Liturgical Calendar.

#### Math

Students will review fractions; simplifying fractions, finding the least common denominator and adding fractions with the same denominator.

#### Reading/Language Arts

In reading, students will read *Scholastic News* and begin to read *A Fish in the Tree*. They will use signal words to aid in comprehension, and discuss character/setting. Students will complete a unit on pronouns and apply pronouns to their writing.

#### Science

Students will continue discussion of cycles in ecosystem. They will discuss the water, carbon, and nitrogen cycles.

**Benefits of READING 20 Minutes a Day**

- Minutes Add Up**  
20 Minutes A Day  
5 Days A Week  
1,500 Minutes a Year  
1,800,000 Words a Year
- 90th Percentile**  
Students who read 20 minutes a day average scoring in the 90th Percentile on Standardized Tests
- Overall Academic Success**  
Many other subjects rely on reading skills. Improves literacy skills. Helps students be open to new ideas which makes math concepts easier to comprehend.
- Reading is Brain Exercise**  
Complex Brain Activities exercises visual cortex as eyes track words. Exercises cognitive function. Integrating new information grows knowledge. White Matter in the brain increases with reading.
- Improves Memory**  
Try new memory forges new synapses or brain pathways of memory. Makes connections. Improves focus and concentration.
- Improves Relationships**  
Reading fiction helps create more empathy and compassion. Spending time with family reading, even if reading independently.
- Improves Self Confidence**  
Improves vocabulary to make you more well-spoken and easier to express yourself. Provides you with knowledge on a variety of subjects. Improves writing skills.
- Reading Makes CENTS**  
For every year students read 20 minutes a day/5 days a week, life time learning potential goes up considerably.
- Reduces Stress**  
Just 6 minutes of reading can have a calming effect.

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