

## Fifth Grade Newsletter October 2019

We are off to an excellent start this school year.

Students will be sitting for the Iowa Test of Basic Skills starting the week of October 13th. Further information will be sent home. Please check the St. Mary School website daily for important announcements and for homework assignments.

**Religion:** This month we will pray the rosary every afternoon in honor of our Blessed Mother Mary. We will also discuss the Beatitudes and be reminded of how they teach us to be closer to Jesus.

**Math:** During the month of October, we will cover a number of skills and concepts. We will continue to deepen our understanding of place value, and students will use a variety of strategies for adding and subtracting decimals.

**ELA:** The students will begin the novel *Esperanza Rising*: The book describes the universal declaration of human rights. Students will continue the study of writing styles and grammar. Students will continue to work on developing a more sophisticated vocabulary. The biography book report is due on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Social Studies:** During the month of October, we will continue the study of the first Americans. Students will understand how geography and climate influence the way in which people live.

**Science:** During the month of October, we will continue to explore matter and discover the different states and changes of matter. Lab experiences will support and enhance concepts discussed in class.

**Health:** During October students will focus on fire and electrical safety. We will complete an exploration of the effects of physical activity on the heart rate.

Sincerely,  
The Fifth Grade Teachers

