



**FIFTH GRADE
MARCH NEWSLETTER 2020**

Keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers as we travel our Lenten journey as one with Jesus our Lord.

Religion

As we start our Lenten journey, students will be writing daily reflections in their religion notebooks. During Lent, students will recognize that we are asked to pray, to fast, and to give alms. We will have a number of opportunities to reflect on the Stations of the Cross and to enter more fully into the Lenten season.

English Language Arts

In English Language Arts classes, students will be working on understanding unfamiliar words. Students will determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a Grade 5 topic or subject area. Students will identify and compare text structure of multiple texts by drawing evidence from informational texts to support analysis and reflection. We will also focus on persuasive argument in our writing.

Math

As March begins, students will continue the unit on fractions. Students will apply their knowledge of adding and subtracting fractions to multi-step word problems. Students will also begin multiplying and dividing fractions.

Science

As students begin working on their science projects, they will learn about the steps of the scientific method. We will also begin our study on the solar system. Students will explore the planets in the inner solar system and the outer solar system.

Social Studies

In social studies we will begin the geography and founding of the 13 colonies. Students will interpret the reasons for the conflict between Spain and England and the problems the first colonists encountered, and how they solved the problems.