

# The 5th Grade Times

Volume 2 — October 2009



Book Orders due Oct. 9th

## Curriculum Update:

Our October Project is a Reading Trick or Treating project. The Guidelines are included in this week's folder.

- Math - Chapter 2 & 6 Multiplication, Division of Whole Numbers and Decimals
- Reading - Theme 1— Nature's Fury and Theme 2 Give It All You Got!
- Social Studies - Early Explorers and Native Americans
- Religion - Sacraments and Honoring Mary. Please send a rosary with your child for the month of October.
- Writing - Brochure and Legends

## Substitute

Please remember that Lisa Schoen will be joining us on October 19th (or before if needed) and I will be out till January 2nd on Maternity leave. She is very excited to be here and has spent time planning with me. I am sure it will be a smooth transition for the students. I wish you all a wonderful fall and holiday season.

## Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated items to our class. They are very much appreciated! I would also like to thank you for helping your child become organized and checking their planner each day.

## FALLING INTO OCTOBER

Hello Parents! It is hard to believe that we have now completed 4 weeks of school! I can't begin to express how much I enjoy teaching your children. This year's group of students has done an outstanding job of being prepared, working hard, and showing enthusiasm each day. I truly look forward to more fun learning in the months to come!

### TeacherWeb

A copy of this newsletter and other items of interest can be found at [www.teacherweb.com/mn/saintambrose](http://www.teacherweb.com/mn/saintambrose). Our schedule, long term projects, teacher information, calendar, and other information will be available here. Daily homework will also be posted however, I would still expect that students utilize and be responsible for their planners.

### Picture Day!

Picture day is coming up on Monday, Oct. 12th. Students may be out of uniform for this day (as long as they are dressed appropriately for their pictures). Our class photo will be taken in uniform on Tuesday, October 13th.

### October Project: Reading Trick or Treating Book Report

This month, students will read a chapter book of their choice and complete a book report in the form of a Poster and Presentation. Students are asked to bring a treat to share that represents their book on the day of their presentation. Guidelines for the project are included in this week's folder. I will introduce the project in class and answer any questions. It is expected, however, that students complete the majority of their project outside of school as part of their homework. This month's project will not be due until **the week of October 26th**. They will be scheduled to present one day that week. We will have about 5 presentations a day. The schedule for presentations will be made the week prior in order to give you enough notice.

### Halloween!

Halloween is just around the corner! To celebrate, we will have a classroom Halloween party on Oct. 30th. Students are not allowed to wear costumes at St. Ambrose, however they may wear black and orange if they bring in \$1.00 to support a local shelter. In addition, we will have a "hand costume" contest in 5th grade! Students may

turn an ordinary glove into a costume by decorating it. Be creative!

### Please send following items to school with your child:

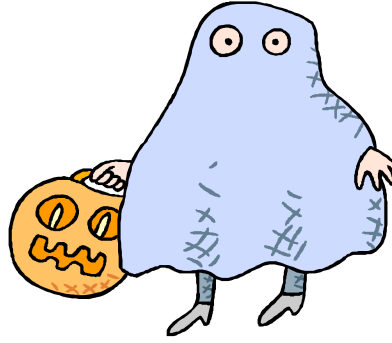
- 5-10 fall leaves pressed in a book by Tuesday October 13th for an art project.
- Their own Rosary if they want to use it, as we pray the Rosary in this month of Mary. (We do have classroom Rosaries too, so no need to purchase one if you don't own one.)
- A paint shirt that they can keep here all year.

**Any Woodcutters Out There?** I am in need of someone to cut and donate 25 pieces of wood for a November Project. If you would like to help with this project please contact me this month and I can give more details. Thank you!

### Specialist Contact Information

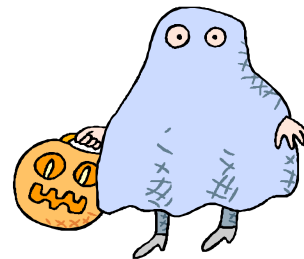
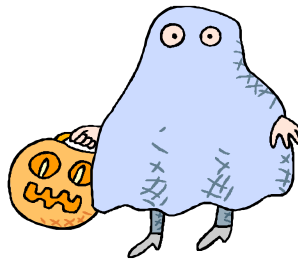
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# Grade 5 Reading Trick or Treating



A book report that is not only a treat for your mind,  
but also your stomach!

1. Read a novel you have never read before.
2. Choose your four favorite parts of the book.
3. Design a poster that includes the following elements:
  - The title and author
  - The books rating on a five-star scale
  - Three describing words
  - An illustration of your four favorite scenes
4. Practice giving a short speech about your book including the four favorite scenes.
5. Sign-up for a speech date.
6. On the day of your speech bring your poster and a treat that represents your novel. Such as if you read *Ribsy* about a dog you might bring puppy chow or for the *Word Eater* gummy worms. Get reading and get creative!





# Fifth Grade Hand Decorating Contest!

**Who:** Fifth grade students.

**What:** Decorate a glove in any costume; be sure you can wear it on your hand.

**When:** Due Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom.

**Why:** To be creative, give our hands a chance to dress up and to have a little more fun on Halloween!

Use your creativity, take your time, and be sure to make it

Boo-tiful!

Hands will be judged by Mrs. Hand.

