

The 5th Grade Times

Volume 1 — September 2009



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Curriculum Update:

Our "September Project" is a "Flip-Chart" book report. The Guidelines are included in this week's folder.

- Math - Chapter 1: Place Value, Addition and Subtraction of Decimals.
- Reading - Natural Disasters/ Reading Workshop
- Social Studies - Chapter 1: Early People in North America
- Religion - Creation, Chapter 1 - Sacraments
- Writing - Journaling, Sentence Structure, Brochures
- Science - Scientific Method, Earth's Structures, Weather

Planners

During the past week, students have begun working with their planners. At the end of each day, we review all of our assignments and due dates by recording them in the appropriate spaces in our weekly planners. We also go over reminders as well. Students are required to show you their planners each night and obtain your initials next to the date for that day. Planners are an important way for students to stay organized, and for me to communicate assignments to parents as well.

Welcome Back to School!

What a great first week we have had! I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know your children over the past few days and am very excited about the coming year! There is already a fun, positive, and enthusiastic "chemistry" that your children have brought to this year's classroom, and I look forward to building on this throughout the coming school year. I must say that I am very amazed by how responsible and respectful this group has been!

I am very excited to meet with you at **Parent Information Night** (Wed., Sept. 16th, 7PM). At this open house, I will share more information with you regarding our curriculum plans for the year. On that night I will also talk more about my classroom procedures and expectations for students. Meanwhile, here are a few important pieces of information that I would like to share with you.

Friday Folders

This letter should have been delivered to you in your child's Friday Folder, and will be provided electronically as well. Please look for this folder every Friday. The folder will contain two pockets. The first is for items to remain at home such as school work

from the week. The second pocket will contain items that need to be signed and returned. Obtaining your signature is considered a homework assignment for your child and should be returned Monday morning.

Friday Special

As a way of rewarding our students for demonstrating responsibility with their homework, fifth grade at St. Ambrose will have what is called "Friday Special". During Friday Special we will team up with the other two fifth grade classes to enjoy 20 minutes of extra recess or free-choice time. Children who complete their homework on-time every day of the week and demonstrate good behavior will receive this special reward along with a "Happy Note" in their Friday folder. Students who have late or missing assignments will have a chance to work on them during this time. A slip indicating which assignments are late or missing will be included in the Friday Folder.

Schedule

Our class schedule is included in this week's folder. Please note that

students will have specialists at least once per day, with Physical Education falling on Thursdays and Fridays. Students will need clean gym uniforms on these days. The specialist teachers are listed below in case you have questions regarding their classes.

Getting to Know You Packet

All of you received this packet (on Goldenrod paper) at the Back to School Day. Please complete the packet with your child and return it by Wednesday, Sept. 16. These packets help me get to know your child and help me understand your goals for your child this year. Thank you for your time with these!

Please feel free to

Who's Who

Phy Ed - Jessica Sattler
Ext. 3025

Spanish - Miguel Irizarry
Ext. 3054

Art - Geri Padelford
Ext. 3055

Music - Daryl Erickson
Ext. 3077

Media Center - Tim Demco
Ext. 3053

Band - Josie Bertsch
Ext. 3063

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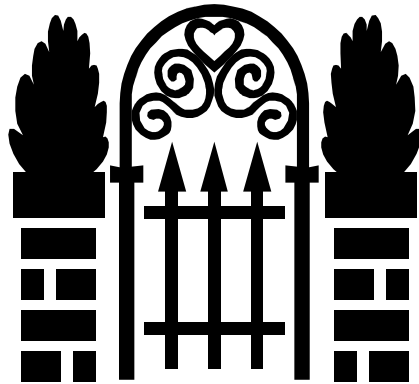
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