

5TH GRADE NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2026

WHAT WE LEARNED THIS WEEK

English Language Arts/Literature:

- Spelling Unit 1: Long o and Long i
- Grammar: Simple Subject and Simple Predicate
- Literature: Synonyms and Literary Devices (Simile, Hyperbole, and Irony) within *Because of Winn-Dixie*
- Writing: We learned about how to write a good paragraph.

Math:

- We spent time getting familiar with our new math curriculum and establishing our expectations for the year.
- We also began learning about rectangular prisms and how we can calculate their volume.

Religion/SEL:

- In Word of Life, we talked about how God “created, ordered, and adorned” the world, and how He made Adam and Eve to do the same.
- In Second Step, we discussed empathy and respect.

Social Studies:

- This week we investigation the question: “What were some Native American Civilizations?” (How and where did they live) Including:
 - Maya, Aztec, Inca (Latin and South America)
 - Mississippian, Ancestral Pueblo, and Haudenosaunee (North America)
- We also did a lesson about 9/11 to honor the 25th Anniversary. We watched footage from the attack, heard from survivors, prayed for those who died, and honored the heroes of 9/11 with an art activity.
 - I was incredibly impressed with how respectful and mature they were during this lesson. They showed empathy and respect, and asked deep/meaningful questions.

SPECIALIST NEWS:

Art/Spanish: This week in Art, students began their scarecrow project by learning about proportion and practicing how to draw a pumpkin using simple shapes and curved lines. They used reference images for inspiration and began sketching their own original scarecrow ideas while practicing Spanish vocabulary such as la calabaza, el espantapájaros, grande, and pequeño/a.

Music: This week in music we are...

- Playing Concentration to practice solo singing with accurate pitch
- Singing Sing Sing Together in a three-part round, developing ensemble and listening skills
- Reviewing recorder basics, including proper playing position, identifying B, A, and G on the staff, playing those notes, and following a conductor’s musical cues

Physical Education: This week we discussed sportsmanship and how to resolve conflict with an opponent. We worked on striking an object with control, then put our skills to the test with two fan-favorite recess games: Four Square and Gaga Ball. Heads up: next week we’ll be taking on the FitnessGram Pacer and Curl-Up tests!

REMINDERS

No school next Friday, which means dress uniform for Mass on Thursday!

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 14: MAP Testing begins
September 17: School Mass – Dress Uniform!
September 18: NO SCHOOL – Teacher Workday
September 19: Harvest Festival
September 29: Picture Day
September 30: Picture Make-Up Day