MCj04260620000[1]Sixth Grade News

Week of November 14th

**Safety Patrol for the Week: Olson, A. Orr, N. Orr, Otwell**

**Teacher Help:**

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| Day | Dobel | Korth | Kretz |
| Monday | AM or PM | AM only | PM only |
| Tuesday | AM or PM | AM only | AM only |
| Wednesday | AM only | AM only | AM only |
| Thursday | AM or PM | AM only | PM only |
| Friday | AM Only | AM only | AM Only |

**Safety Patrol Reminders**

Please be mindful if it is your week to be on safety patrol. The time to be on duty is 7:40 am. You should arrive prior to this time, so that you are ready to go at 7:40. Also, if you know ahead of time that you will not be at school one day, it is your responsibility to find a substitute. You play a big part in keeping all St. Pat’s students safe during arrival at the school.

**Box Tops**

St. Pat’s collects box tops! You are welcome to send them in with your sixth grader.

**Mass Sweaters :** A friendly reminder that Tuesday and Thursdays students need to be wearing Mass sweaters.The St. Patrick’s v-neck cardigan can be purchased at Midwest Impressions or Educational Outfitters.

**Book Orders:**

Book orders went out early this week. If you did not see the catalog, you can visit [www.scholastic.com/bookclubs](http://www.scholastic.com/bookclubs) and sign-in to view this months choices. If you haven’t sign-up yet, use the class activation code (HYMV8) to get started. Book orders are due November 11th.

**COMING THIS WEEK:**

**Reading**

**Period 1 Reading**

We are a little more than half way finished with *A Wrinkle in Time*. The students are really enjoying the book and I will be taking some time to focus on some more of the literary elements that are in the book. We will also be spending some time making a tie to science and researching inventions, something that will help inspire their Tool Time project coming up the following week. More information on this will come home at the end of the week.

**Reading 2 Reading**

We will delve more into the book and look at some things people did during this time period to help resolve problems with weather, drought, and the economy. I will also spend some time on discussing the tools used during this time period. We will be doing some cross curricular studies with science.

**Period 6 Reading**

We will continue to work on *The Great Gilly Hopkins*. The students are enjoying the wit and energy that Gilly has. We are discussing a variety of literary elements and also having lots of “life” discussions that are coming from the book. We will continue to work on literary elements and character traits.

**Science**

Last week the students created “Atom” games. It was a week of researching, learning, and fun. On Monday, we will finish up Chapter 4 with the students having an opportunity to play their “Atom” games with the class and play the other groups games from the class. We will then head into Chapter 5, the Periodic Table. We will focus on how it is set up, the parts that make up each element and with luck, build our own class periodic table with “element trading cards”. Students have a copy of the table in their planners for reference.

Get ready for Tool Time!! Tool Time, the Archdiocesan Assessment, is coming up. It is earlier this year than in previous years and I will be sending out more information the end of the week with students and posting information in next week’s newsletters and on-line. Until then, students are to think of a tool that they may want to “invent”.

**English:**

We are continuing with our Punctuation Unit this week in English. We will start the week by finishing up rules for colons. We will then spend the week using these rules within our activities in an effort to cement these rules into our writing. The test over the punctuation unit will be Monday, November 21st.

**Religion/DWP:**

Our Veteran’s Day fieldtrip went very well. The students all put a lot of time and energy into this day, and hopefully they got a lot out of it as well. We started on our Circle of Grace curriculum and will be continuing it this coming week. We will discuss boundaries that we set for ourselves as well as Trust and relationships.

**Social Studies**

We will begin the week with a review for our test on Tuesday. The students should be studying their note outlines, reading readiness guides, and vocabulary. We have talked about the short answers in class ask them if they can tell you what they are. Following chapter five we will begin our unit on Canada. Chapter six will include its physical attributes.

**Math**

**Period 3 Math**

This week students will review equivalent forms and rational numbers. They will begin on comparing and ordering rational numbers and end the week with adding and subtracting rational numbers.

**Period 4 Math**

This week students will review the divisibility rules. Next they will work on prime factorization where they will find multiples and factors of whole numbers.

**Period 5 Math**

This week students will continue to work on two-step equations. Friday, November 18th students will test over sections 1-6.