MCj04260620000[1]Sixth Grade News

Week of October 24th

**Safety Patrol for the Week: Lorenson, Maher, Martir, McCarthy**

**Teacher Help:**

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

**Box Tops**

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

**Report Card Envelopes:**

Thank you so much for coming to conferences this past week. It was great getting to see everyone and talk about the successes of our students. If you still have your manila envelope that the report card was in, please return it to school with your child this week. We will be using them for all four report cards this year. Thanks for your help with this!

**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.

**A note from Religious Formation:**

Dear Parents: Each year our parish places an Advent Angel tree in the Narthex of the church. For the past several years, our 6th through Confirmation candidates in the parish have made the beaded angels that are placed on the tree during the first two weeks of Advent. The angels are placed on the tree with an envelope. Parishioners are then invited to take an angel off of the tree, keep the angel, place a monetary contribution in the envelope and return the envelope to the parish office. All of the money collected is split between our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society and COPE (Christian Outreach Program, Elkhorn.) They in turn use the money to purchase gifts for the needy in our community.

We would love to invite your middle school child to help with this project on Thursday afternoon/evening, November 10, 2011, from 4 to 7:30 p.m. (We will meet in room number 331.) They are welcome to come for an hour or two, or stay the entire time. (And parents, you are welcome to come also!) We will make about 200 beaded angels for the Advent Angel Tree on the 10th. If you would like to coordinate the project, please feel free to contact me…I’d love for someone to show the kids how to make the angels, purchase the supplies, etc.!

We are also looking for someone to put up and decorate the Advent Angel Tree. The tree will be placed in the Narthex during the day on Wednesday, November 23rd.

If you are interested in helping coordinate this project, have your child assist with making the angels, or decorating the tree, please contact me at 402-289-4947, extension 1505. All are welcome to help and this makes a great Confirmation Parent/Candidate or Sponsor/Candidate service project, as well as a great way to get to know others in the parish.

Peace,

Mary McMahon

**Veteran’s Day Field Trip**

Our sixth graders have been invited to travel to Elk Ridge Retirement Community to recognize Veteran’s Day. Our students will sing, share poems, and read essays to honor those who have faithfully served our country. Please look for the field trip permission slip to come home this week.

**Lunch With Parent:**

Once a year each homeroom has a day designated to spend lunch with the parents. 6th grade’s turn is coming up and we want to invite all of you to come join us for lunch on your child’s designated day. I form will be sent home in advance for you to pre-order lunch if you choose to eat hot lunch with your child that day. The schedule is below.

Kretz Homeroom: November 4th

Korth Homeroom: November 11th (If you saw this on the school calendar differently it is because Ms. Korth’s class was scheduled for the day of our Vocation’s Day fieldtrip originally.)

**COMING THIS WEEK:**

**Reading**

**Period 1 Reading**

We have begun our first novel, A Wrinkle in Time. Students were introduced to the story last Wednesday. We will being talking about characters, traits and theme of the story this week.

**Reading 2 Reading**

We will be having our Theme 1 test on November 1st. We will then begin our first novel Out of the Dust. by Karen Hesse. We will start the novel off by doing an author study. Karen Hesse brings her personal life into much of what she writes. This will be a great opportunity for the students to learn some background information before starting the novel.

**Period 6 Reading**

We are finishing Theme 1 this week and will have our theme test on Thursday 11/3. Students should study their notes, and examples from stories each night this week to be prepared. We will then start our fist novel, The Great Gilly Hopkins, by Katherine Paterson.

**Science**

We will be finishing up Chapter 3 this week. The test is scheduled for Wednesday, November 2nd.  We will then move into Chapter 4, Introduction to Atoms. In this chapter, students will learn about the development of atomic theory and our current understanding of atomic structure. By the end of the chapter, students should demonstrate a clear understanding of the chapter’s main ideas and be able to discuss the following topics: Do atoms have an electrical charge? Is chocolate chip ice cream a good model for the atom? What is found in the nucleus of an atom? What forces are at work in atoms?

In the meantime, you can visit [www.scilinks.org](http://www.scilinks.org) and type in the following link numbers to further access information on these topics.

**TOPIC:** Development of the ***sci*LINKS NUMBER:** HSM0399 Atomic Theory

**TOPIC:** Current Atomic Theory ***sci*LINKS NUMBER:** HSM0371

**TOPIC:** Inside the Atom ***sci*LINKS NUMBER:** HSM079

**TOPIC:** Isotopes ***sci*LINKS NUMBER:** HSM0820

**English:**

We will be reviewing unit 10 for a few more days in preparation for our test on Wednesday. Unit 11 then moves into working with pronouns. We will cover personal pronouns, antecedents, possessive, and indefinite pronouns.

**Religion/DWP:**

This week our student will be using Religion class to prepare for their Veteran’s Day fieldtrip. We will work on preparing for our trip to Elk Ridge by researching Veteran’s Day and writing tributes to share. This is a perfect tie into how we give of our time and our talents for others.

**Social Studies**

This week students will continue to work on section one which covers natural resources and different types of energy. Following section one the students will begin to study the relationship between land use and culture as well as the different types of economic use for land.

**Math**

**Period 3 Math**

This week students will review for their chapter 2 sections 6-8 test which is scheduled for Wednesday, November 2nd. Following chapter 2 the students will dive into rational numbers. As a reminder, students are always able to make corrections on any math assignment and are encouraged to do so. They should be done on a separate piece of paper then attached to the original assignment. Any homework, quiz, of test can be redone. The fastest way to improve a grade is corrections.

**Period 4 Math**

This week students will start working on chapter 3 working with exponents and solving problems using order of operations. As a reminder, students are always able to make corrections on any math assignment and are encouraged to do so. They should be done on a separate piece of paper then attached to the original assignment. Any homework, quiz, of test can be redone. The fastest way to improve a grade is corrections.

**Period 5 Math**

Students will continue to work on simplifying equations by multiplying and dividing this week. By Wednesday they will be introduced to solving equations by multiplication and division. As a reminder, students are always able to make corrections on any math assignment and are encouraged to do so. They should be done on a separate piece of paper then attached to the original assignment. Any homework, quiz, of test can be redone. The fastest way to improve a grade is corrections.