

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

Dear Fifth Grade Families,

Thanks so much for your help with all the extras of the last ten days. Last week, we accomplished all that we planned and it was quite a success. We had a meaningful conversation about how both of these projects -Spooky Story completion and chapel leadership- are important tasks that require careful planning and attention to detail over a sustained period of time. I'm pleased with their efforts.

Miss Kruse finished our Religion Unit on Luther today. All of our work on Biblical and Religious leaders is the perfect introduction into a new writing project on describing an admirable person. Our class did quite a bit of brain-storming around the topic of admiration and the people we admire and why. Don't worry parents- you made the top ten list of admirable folks (after several of the Cubs players and coaches) but I've asked the students to think about people they admire aside from you. They had an extensive list of pastors, teachers, athletes, coaches, public servants, historical figures, leaders of faith, politicians, and more. As we dive into this topic further, I want them thinking about the qualities of leadership and the ways people lead by example. This is one of those times when several content areas collide and I just love it.

In Science, our attention in is on Growth and Survival. After our mini-unit on leaves changing color, we discover how plants and animals make adaptations to survive. We are using our origami skills to create jumping frogs to demonstrate how frogs camouflage themselves to avoid prey. Check with your student about an upcoming Science Test on chapter 4.

Now that we turn the calendar to November, the end of the first grading period is upon us. Please look at Power School with your child especially if he/ she has been absent. Please contact me with questions or concerns.

Together in Christ,

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P.S. Many thanks to those who made the Halloween party a success. I appreciate your careful preparations and donations.