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| Homan Happenings  Mr. Homan’s 5th Grade Classroom | |
| This newsletter may be a bit different than my normal newsletter. We began the 3rd quarter today and there are a few changes to let you know about. We are now moving closer to the end of 5th grade which means next year Jr. High! -Mr. Homan  \*\*\*Important Info\*\*\*   * **School History Bee**: Congratulations to Shelby Hanson and Christian Rogers for representing the 5th grade in the school History Bee. I was proud of their effort. * **5th Grade Class Auction** was a tremendous success. I hope your child came home with something they liked. I also hope a few students better realized the importance of doing their job each day to earn money for this auction. Thank you to all the parents that donated items. We will need items again for the end of school year auction. Please help again by donating items for this.   **New Family**  Your child may have already mentioned that we welcomed a new family to Saint Joe HC! Joseph (Joey) will be in 5th grade and his brother will be in 3rd grade. I also have an assistant in the classroom.  Unfortunately, this aide won’t help me with teaching or grading papers, but will have an important job of helping Joey keep his blood sugar levels regulated. Silly is a 4-year-old black lab trained to help people with diabetes.  As Silly has a job to do, all the students at Saint Joe have been instructed not to treat her as a pet. She has a job to do and can’t be distracted from that job.  Please help me welcome this new family and my new assistant.  Upcoming Week   * 5th Grade leads Mass   Tuesday 1/9   * HASA Popcorn Day   Wednesday 1/10   * First Spelling Test   Wednesday 1/10   * Reading Quiz   Thursday 1/11   * Report Cards go home   Thursday 1/11   * Final Spelling Test   Friday 1/12   * S.S. Quizzes   Friday 1/12   * Snow Make Up Day (NO School)   Monday 1/15  **Band** on Wednesday and Friday!  Please send me an **email** or **sign** and return this newsletter to confirm you received this.  Sign: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | ***What we are learning:***  **Reading**: Students have been given their new Lexile Range to help them select appropriate books to read for AR points. Students will have a goal of 14 points during the 3rd quarter. I understand that some students may struggle to find books within their range. We have some high-level readers. I told each student that they should start looking in this range but it isn’t set in stone. If students bring a book to me that is lower than their range suggest I may approve this book for AR points. The whole goal is to get students reading books that aren’t too easy or too hard. Once students earn their 14 AR points they can read any book they wish.  **Spelling**: Students were told before Christmas Break that beginning this week all 25 words would be required for each week’s spelling. Three of the new words will be review words. These words are from previous spelling lists. The final two words are challenge words. These five words won’t be studied or worked with during the regular spelling homework each day. Students may need to spend some extra time studying these words.  **Corrections:** I’m modifying the corrections policy a tiny bit for the remainder of the year. I want to follow more closely to what Jr. High does with corrections.  I still encourage students to correct any and all work. However, only traditional tests will give students extra points.  I will still accept any corrected papers and consider giving extra effort points for students that are close to moving up to a higher-grade level. |