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| Happy Tuesday! I hope you all had a great weekend. I was glad to meet those that were able to come to Back to School Night. I have felt extremely welcomed and think this will be an awesome year! We have begun to work in many of our subjects. We have tons to learn.  -Mr. Homan  \*\*\*Important Info\*\*\*   * Please be sure to ask your child each day what they have learned and what homework and/or items needed for school. * Responsibility is VERY important for 5th grade. Students should be making sure they have homework folders and **ALL books in their backpacks to complete homework**. *Ex: Having Science book to complete a Science workbook page.* * **Band** started today. Mr. Newman introduced himself to the students today and talked about band and his expectations. Students are lucky to have this opportunity.   **Required Diocesan**  **Safe Environment/Safe Boundaries Lesson**  Next week I will be teaching the very important lesson on safety to the class. The class will learn about God’s love for them; personal space; treating ourselves and others with respect and care; safe and unsafe touches; and how to get help from a trusted adult if needed. For more information about this lesson you may visit the Diocesan Website at: <http://www.diocesefwsb.org/Safe-Environment-Training-Children-and-Youth>  Upcoming Week   * First Spelling Test Wednesday 8/17 * Reading quiz Thursday 8/18 * Final Spelling Test Friday 8/19 * Math Simple Solutions Quiz Friday 8/19 * Each student is to earn 10 AR points for the 1st quarter. READ! READ! READ!   **Spelling**: Your child has a Spelling Workbook that has each week’s spelling list. Unless we have a shorter week we will follow these lists on a consistent basis. Each week will have a theme. This week’s theme is short vowel sounds.  Please send me an email or sign and return this newsletter to confirm you received this. Sign: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | ***What we are learning:***  **Reading**: Last week we read the realistic fiction story called Miss Alaineus. We worked with context clues to determine the meaning of unknown words. We also discussed two important parts of a story: characters and plot.  **Religion**: We attended all-school Mass last Friday and today. We have an all-school Mass tomorrow as well. Tuesday and Friday. Nolan, Thomson, and Paul will be serving for Mass tomorrow. Our class will be helping out with the Mass on August 23rd.  **Math**: We have focused our attention these first few days on reviewing concepts from last year as well as working on proper procedures for doing the Simple Solutions math books, which will be homework soon.  **Social Studies**: We spent the first few days learning about our US flag. 5th Graders raise and lower the school flag each day, and we learned the proper way to fold the flag. I also showed the entire class a video called “Red Skelton’s Pledge of Allegiance.” I wanted each student to understand that the words we say during this pledge have meaning.  **Language**: We began the week talking about what makes a sentences and how to identify the 4 types of sentences. |