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| Homan Happenings  Mr. Homan’s 5th Grade Classroom | |
| It was exciting to meet our new principal today. Father gathered the entire school in the gym to welcome Ms. Brown to our family. I haven’t had a chance to talk with her, but she does seem very excited to be part of the Saint Joseph family.  -Mr. Homan  \*\*\*Important Info\*\*\*   * I will not be at school tomorrow, **Tuesday, October 3rd.** My wife has developed a hernia after giving birth to my daughter Ava. Please keep my wife in your prayers so this surgery will go smoothly. * Congrats to **Bridgette Haynes**. She is this week’s Student of the Week. She gets to enjoy several perks this week. * 5th Graders started working in the **Cafeteria** today. This is a great help to our lunch ladies and teaches students team work and responsibility. Not to mention it allows you a break for a student lunch.   Upcoming Week   * Box Top Contest Begins   Monday 10/02   * 5th Grade Led Mass   Tuesday 10/03   * First Spelling Test   Wednesday 10/04   * Reading Quiz   Thursday 10/05   * Simple Solutions quizzes   Friday 10/06   * Final Spelling Test   Friday 10/06  **Social Studies**  This week we will learn more about how people from **Spain** discovered a new world and began to take over the land from the Native Americans.  We will also see how people from **France** and **Netherlands** also travel to the new world for wealth. We will also begin to read about how **England** begins to explore and settle this new world.  **Science**  We continue to explore **ecosystems** and how they interact together. These food chains and food webs are important.  **Spelling**: This week’s words focus on the /er/ sound such as surf or the /ear/ sound as clear.  Please send me an **email** or **sign** and return this newsletter to confirm you received this.  Sign: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | ***What we are learning:***  **Reading**: Our story for this week is called, **“Pipiolo and the Roof Dogs.”** It is a fantasy story about some dogs that live on the roof in Mexico.  We will also be reading our **Scholastic News** “The Debate over Columbus.” This magazine has lots of science and social studies articles that help students become better readers. We are also working on main idea.  **Religion**:  I didn’t get as far last week as I was hoping so we are still reading about the **7 Sacraments** of the Catholic Church.  We will also read our **Venture** magazine to help prepare for the Sunday readings. My plan is to read this on Friday.  **Math**:  We will be working on **prime and composite numbers** this week. This will also lead us into **prime factorization.** Students tend to enjoy making a factor tree.  **Grammar**:  We will work to **correct run-on sentences** this week. I tend to come across many run-on sentences in 5th grade. The key is getting students to be able to identify them and correct them as they write.  We will also be working on writing **a personal narrative.**  We will walk through the process and students will then get to write their own personal narrative. |
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