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| Homan Happenings  Mr. Homan’s 5th Grade Classroom | |
| I can’t believe we have only a few days left of the 1st quarter. This class has been such a joy to teach so far. We have accomplished a lot yet we have so much more to cover.  -Mr. Homan  \*\*\*Important Info\*\*\*   * **Band** will be Friday only this week. * Congrats to **Cooper Naatz** this week’s Student of the Week. He gets to enjoy several perks this week. * **1st Quarter ends** Wednesday, October 18th.   Upcoming Week   * First Spelling Test   Wednesday 10/18   * Reading Quiz   Thursday 10/19   * Simple Solutions quizzes   Friday 10/20   * Final Spelling Test   Friday 10/20   * Our Father Test   Friday 10/20  **Future Dates:**   * My daughter’s Baptism   Sunday 10/22   * Coliseum Mass   Thursday 10/26  **Social Studies:** Students continue to explore the settlements of the **Pilgrims** and **Puritans**. We will discover why they left their home to travel across the ocean to build a new colony. We will also begin to discover how the 13 original colonies were created. Students will need to know the **13 original colonies.** This will help them for the States and Capitals Test for later in the year as well.  **Science:** We will continue to explore the layers of the **Earth.** We will also review rocks and minerals found in the Earth. We will also study how the Earth changes to cause earthquakes and volcanoes.  **Spelling**: This week’s words are all **plurals**. We have been working with how to properly make certain words plural in Simple Solutions already.  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 a nonfiction article called **“Rattlers!”** Yes, students will be reading and learning about snakes. Not my favorite topic, so I will NOT be bringing any snakes to show the class.  Students will also be reviewing how to use context clues to figure out the meaning of unknown words.  **Religion**:  We continue to learn more about the sacrament of **Baptism**. I hope you and your child also look back at their own Baptism.  I also look forward to sharing my daughter’s Baptism on **October 22nd**.  Students should also be studying **The Our Father**. I require that students write the words instead of saying them. I find that too many students say these prayers without realizing what words they are saying.  **Math**: We will begin to find **volume** this week. A few students are forgetting that we square our answer when we find area. Now we will cube our answer for volume. I’m going to work to find a way for students to visualize these concepts. **Grammar**:  We will be working a lot with verbs. Students will identify **helping verbs** and their **main verb.** |