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| Homan Happenings  Mr. Homan’s 5th Grade Classroom | |
| What a wonderful weekend for a Baptism. Thank you for those that came and/or thought of my family this weekend. Father Bill did a great job explaining the importance of each part of the Baptism.  -Mr. Homan  \*\*\*Important Info\*\*\*   * **No Band this week!** * **Tuesday, October 31st** students can bring in **Halloween** treats to share with the class. We will not be dressing in costumes but will have a small party at the end of the day. * **Parent/Teacher Conferences** Thursday, October 26th.   Upcoming Week   * 5th Grade Leads Mass   Tuesday 10/25   * Parent/Teacher Conferences   Thursday 10/26   * Coliseum Mass   Thursday 10/26   * Fall Break/No School   Friday 10/27   * Halloween Party   Tuesday, 10/31   * Baptism Test   Wednesday 11/1  **Social Studies:**  We learned about Benjamin Franklin today. This leads us into our next chapter that discusses more about what life was like in the colonies in the 1600s up to the late 1700s.  **Science:**  We begin to explore **rocks and minerals** of the earth. Students will explore the types of rocks and how they are formed. We will also learn more about **earthquakes** and **volcanoes**.  **Spelling**: No spelling list this week.  Please send me an **email** or **sign** and return this newsletter to confirm you received this.  Sign: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | ***What we are learning:***  **Reading**: This week we will read a few **“Little Reader”** and **Reader’s Theatre plays**. I will also be giving the class lots of independent reading time so they can earn their **AR points**. 12 points are required for the 2nd quarter.  **Religion**: We will finish up our unit on **Baptism**. There will be an open book test for Chapter 5. I will then have a traditional test over Baptism. This test won’t be until next week. I will have a study guide for each student to help prepare them for the test.  We are also leading tomorrow’s **school Mass.** We practiced today and I think everyone is ready.  Thursday, we are so blessed to go to the Fort Wayne **Coliseum** and celebrate Mass with Bishop Rhoades and our fellow Catholic school students from this side of the Diocese. I can’t wait to see the saint costumes.  **Math**: We begin to work with fractions this week. We start by exploring that a fraction is part of a whole. I will also utilize a number line to show a fraction. We then explore how to reduce or simplify fractions.  **Grammar**:  This week we learn about linking verbs. Linking verbs and helping verbs can be tricky due to not showing action. We try to teach students that verbs show action and then we throw these verbs in just to confuse everyone. |