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| Homan Happenings  Mr. Homan’s 5th Grade Classroom | |
| I enjoyed meeting with each of you regarding your child’s progress during the 1st quarter. I always enjoy talking about my students and the things I believe are important for each child’s success.  -Mr. Homan  \*\*\*Important Info\*\*\*   * **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. * **Band** will be Wednesday and Friday of this week. * **Picture Retakes** Tuesday, October 31st. This is also a Dress Down day for $1. Students taking pictures can change after they take their picture.   Upcoming Week   * Halloween Party   Tuesday, 10/31   * All Saint’s Day   5th Grade Leads this Holy Day of Obligation  Wednesday 11/1   * Baptism Test   Wednesday 11/1   * First Spelling Test   Wednesday 11/1   * Reading Quiz   Thursday 11/2   * Final Spelling Test   Friday 11/3   * S.S. Quizzes   Friday 11/3  **Social Studies:** We continue to learn about the struggles of the **early colonist.** We will also begin to study and learn the **50 States and Capitals.** We will start with the first **13 colonies** which became the first 13 States of our United States. At this point I do not have a date for the test. I would like to have it before Christmas Break but will see how the class does in the coming weeks as we practice and learn the States and Capitals.  **Science:** We continue to review **minerals** but also begin to learn about **The Water Cycle.**  **Spelling**: This week’s list focuses on **words that end in -ed and -ing.** It will be important to remember when to drop a letter, double a letter, or just add the ending.  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 another **nonfiction article.** This article is about a woman that uses architecture to help remember the past. She constructs monuments and memorials to help people understand and remember our history.  **Religion**:  We have another fun and busy week in religion class. 5th Graders will be leading the **All Saint’s Mass** on Wednesday at 8:00 AM. We also have our **Baptism Test** on Wednesday. This week in our book we will learn about the **Liturgical Year**. We are familiar with the Civil Calendar, which comes from Pope Gregory XIII in 1582, but we will also dig deeper into the Liturgical calendar the church uses for Mass. It is a short chapter but students will identify the seasons and different colors and decorations we see during each season.  **Math**:  We continue working with fractions this week. We will work with **improper fractions and mixed numbers.**  **Grammar**:  This week we will be identifying the **connotation** and **denotation** of a word. Connotation meaning what the word implies and denotation is the exact meaning of the word. |