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| Homan Happenings  Mr. Homan’s 5th Grade Classroom | |
| I enjoyed meeting the Grandparents last week. I’m so glad Grandparents were able to come to the classroom this year. I also love showing off what we do in class. Grandparents are such a blessing to have around. -Mr. Homan  \*\*\*Important Info\*\*\*   * **Winter NWEA Testing:** We will begin taking our Winter NWEA testing next week. This test will help be better prepare for the rest of the year. It will also give me a chance to see how much we have learned so far. Please encourage your child to do his/her best on these tests. * **Cooper Naatz and Shelby Hanson** did a great job representing 5th grader in the Geography Bee. They may not have won but I was proud of how they did.   **Social Studies:** We continue to read about the **American Revolution.** I hope the class is enjoying **“Liberty’s Kids.”**  We began to read about the Second Continental Congress and the Declaration of Independence. We will also read about some of the important battles of the war. We will look at how women, Native Americans, and African Americans all contributed to the American Revolution.  **Science:** We will explore the **Earth’s Atmosphere**. Students will learn the layers of the atmosphere and how important each is to our survival.  Upcoming Week   * First Spelling Test   Wednesday 11/29   * Reading Quiz   Thursday 11/30   * Final Spelling Test   Friday 12/1   * S.S. Quizzes   Friday 12/1   * Eucharist Test   Friday 12/1  **Band** on Wednesday and Friday!  All my newsletters are archived on the school website. Also, check out pictures from BizTown. Go to <http://stjoehc.org/school/academics/5th-grade/>  **Spelling**: This week’s list focuses on words that **have a V/CV or VC/V pattern.**  It will be important for student to say the words out loud to know the difference.  Please send me an **email** or **sign** and return this newsletter to confirm you received this.  Sign: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | ***What we are learning:***  **Reading**: Our reading stories will go well with our **American Revolution** theme in Social Studies. This week we will read a historical fiction story called **“Sleds on Boston Common.”**  We will also be finishing our novel **The Report Card**. The class has really enjoyed reading this story as a play. Although some students have struggled to fully take on their character. I have too many students worried about looking silly in front of their classmates. Not sure why, their teacher looks silly all the time!  **Religion**: We finished our chapter on the sacrament of the **Eucharist.** Students will have an open book test tomorrow and a traditional test on Friday. I gave the class sheets to help them study.  Then we will look closer at the season of **Advent**. Advent begins this Sunday. Advent begins our new Liturgical year and prepares us for the season of Christmas.  **Math**: Before Thanksgiving Break we learned how to **compare fractions.** I even began to show students how to **add and subtract fractions with like denominators.** I think this class is ready to begin to learn how to **add with unlike denominators**.  **Grammar**: We will begin to work with **adjectives**. We continue to discuss **direct objects, contractions, and pronouns.** |