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|  Homan Happenings Mr. Homan’s 5th Grade Classroom |
|  It will be hard to keep the focus this last full week before Christmas Break. There was already some loss of focus last week. Please help me keep the class on track this week. I will try to keep our schedule as normal as possible. -Mr. Homan\*\*\*Important Info\*\*\** **School Spelling Bee:** Cooper Naatz and Christian Rogers did a great job representing 5th Grade at the spelling bee.
* **5th Grade History Bee** will be Thursday, December 14th.
* **School History Bee** will be on Wednesday, December 20th.
* **5th Grade Class Auction** will take place on Wednesday, December 20th.
* **Christmas Store** was today. Students can bring money tomorrow if they forgot today.

**Science:** We will continue to learn about **weather**. Our focus this week will be on **air masses, fronts, and clouds.** I also plan to watch a few more Bill Nye videos on storms and wind.**Social Studies:** We have come to the end of the **American Revolution** in both our Simple Solutions book and our regular Social Studies book. We will now learn more about how our **government** was set up. This was done after the American Revolution. We will continue to watch the **“Liberty’s Kids”** videos. I think this is a wonderful tool to keep the learning alive.Upcoming Week * First Spelling Test

Wednesday 12/13* Reading Quiz

Thursday 12/14* Final Spelling Test

Friday 12/15* S.S. Quizzes

Friday 12/15* 5th Grade Confessions

Friday 12/15* Santa Pictures

Friday 12/15**Band** on Wednesday and Friday!**Spelling**: This week’s list focuses on words that **have a VCCCV pattern.**  It will be important for student to say the words out loud to hear the split in syllables.Please send me an **email** or **sign** and return this newsletter to confirm you received this. Sign: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | ***What we are learning:*****Reading**: This week’s stories have more of a science theme. Our main story “**Beyond the Horizon”** is a nonfiction article about how we help protect our environment. We will explore some of the very things we are learning about in our science book. The ozone layer keeps us safe from the sun’s ultraviolet rays. We will also continue to look at facts and opinions. This is an important skill.**Religion**: We continue to read and learn about the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. Students will have an open book test on chapter 15 this Wednesday. We will then begin to read in chapter 16 about how we celebrate this sacrament. Students will be able to meet with Father on Friday, December 15th for **confession**.**Math**: We continue to explore more with fractions. We will look at how to **subtract mixed numbers** and borrow. This may be confusing since we don’t just carry over ten like regular whole numbers.**Grammar:** We begin to explore **prepositions** this week. I also want to do more work with **possessive nouns** and **direct objects** as this was an issue for a few students last week. |