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| Homan Happenings  Mr. Homan’s 5th Grade Classroom | |
| Happy Monday! I hope you all had a great weekend. I was glad to meet everyone at **Back to School Night**. This was my 16th Back to School Night and first where every child had a parent attend. This means one of two things: you are 100% committed to your child’s education or you are worried about the 5th Grade! -Mr. Homan  \*\*\*Important Info\*\*\*   * We have begun to work on our **JA Biztown** material. You may have noticed your child had to apply for a bank account last week. I hope they continue to come home and talk about what they have learned as we continue. * Students begin to have the opportunity for **Band** in 5th Grade. Mr. Newman will introduce himself to the students on Wednesday. He will talk about band and his expectations. Students are lucky to have this opportunity. Look for more information possible Wednesday.   **Required Diocesan**  **Safe Environment/Safe Boundaries Lesson**  Next week I will be teaching the very important lesson on safety to the class. The class will learn about God’s love for them; personal space; treating ourselves and others with respect and care; safe and unsafe touches; and how to get help from a trusted adult if needed. For more information about this lesson you may visit the Diocesan Website at: <http://www.diocesefwsb.org/Safe-Environment-Training-Children-and-Youth>  Upcoming Week   * NWEA Math Test   Tuesday 8/22   * First Spelling Test Wednesday 8/23 * NWEA Reading Test   Thursday 8/24   * Reading quiz Thursday 8/24 * Final Spelling Test Friday 8/25 * Each student is to earn 10 AR points for the 1st quarter. READ! READ! READ!   **Spelling**: Your child has a Spelling Workbook that has each week’s spelling list. Unless we have a shorter week we will follow these lists on a consistent basis. Each week will have a theme. This week’s theme is **short vowel sounds**.  Please send me an **email** or **sign** and return this newsletter to confirm you received this. Sign: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | ***What we are learning:***  **Reading**: We will read the realistic fictional story called **Miss** **Alaineus.** We will work with context clues to determine the meaning of unknown words. We will also discuss two important parts of a story: characters and plot.  **Simple Solutions**: We have focused our attention these first few days on reviewing concepts from last year as well as working on proper procedures for doing the **Simple Solutions math, grammar, science, and social studies books.** I will also give them a practice quiz this week so each student will know exactly what will be expected. The best way to prepare for these quizzes is to focus and spend time on the daily work in our Simple Solutions books.  **Science**: Hopefully your child comes home today with all kinds of information and stories regarding the **eclipse**. We spent the entire day reading and watching videos about the eclipse. We also went outside using special glasses to see the sun. As I write this, my plan is also to watch a live streaming of the eclipse.  We will work a lot this year on how to properly write as well. Tonight, your child’s homework is to begin making a **list of the information** we discussed today. We will continue to use this to complete an essay. Your child **DOES NOT** need the final essay done tonight. |