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| Homan Happenings  Mr. Homan’s 5th Grade Classroom | |
| It was great seeing so many of you at the Fall Festival. Not so great seeing so many students try to dunk me in the Dunk Tank though. I’m just glad the weather was warm. I can be a baby when it comes to cold water. Hope everyone had a great time at the Fall Festival.  -Mr. Homan  \*\*\*Important Info\*\*\*   * **Beginning Band** will begin on Friday, September 29th. Students should bring their instruments. * Congrats to **Ava Smith** our first Student of the Week. She gets to enjoy several perks this week. I’ve also heard she is planning to bring in some special guests for the class to enjoy!! * 5th Graders will be trained to be **Cafeteria Workers** this Thursday. Students earn lunch credit for working in the cafeteria.   Upcoming Week   * Snack Cart   Tuesday 9/26   * First Spelling Test   Wednesday 9/27   * Reading Quiz   Thursday 9/28   * Simple Solutions quizzes   Friday 9/29   * Final Spelling Test   Friday 9/29  **Social Studies**  Our focus this week in Social Studies will be the different **cultures** of the Native Americans of long ago. We will explore daily life, and a child’s role. We will also learn the leadership responsibilities as well as the government systems that were formed.  **Science**  We have begun to learn about the most basic building blocks of all living organisms. Students have already discovered the parts of **cells** and how animal cells are different from plant cells.  **Spelling**: This week’s words focus on the /ar/ sound such as chart or the /ar/ sound as fare. We also have the /or/ sound as in force.  Please send me an **email** or **sign** and return this newsletter to confirm you received this.  Sign: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | ***What we are learning:***  **Reading**: Our story for this week is called, **“Ultimate Field Trip 5.”** It is a nonfiction story about a class that gets to take a field trip to a Space Academy. Although we aren’t lucky enough to take this field trip we will have another wonderful field trip to STARBASE in March.  **Religion**:  This week we begin to utilize a wonderful resource called **Venture**. These weekly newsletters review the important items from the past weekend’s Mass readings as well as any Saints that might be celebrated on the Church calendar. We will read these newsletters and students will be required to answer the “Think” questions.  In our book, we review the **7 Sacraments** of the Catholic Church. 5th Graders spend a lot of time learning about each sacrament.  **Math**:  As we continue to work on multiplication and division, I will be showing them some tricks to find out if a large number is divisible by 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, or 10.  **Grammar**:  We began working on a **Business Letter** to thank the businesses that help support JA’s BizTown. Students learned the parts of a business letter and are typing this at school.  We will also explore **poetry** with a simple poem that uses a regular rhyme scheme and rhythm. |