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| Homan Happenings  Mr. Homan’s 5th Grade Classroom | |
| After 9 school days, we survived the eclipse and our fall NWEA testing. I’ve also received your child’s ISTEP scores from last year and along with my own observations will begin to plan class instruction around all this data. Sometimes all students need is a little push to get them to achieve great things. -Mr. Homan  \*\*\*Important Info\*\*\*   * 2nd Grade and 5th Grade have been paired up for the Fall Festival Basket. Our theme is **LEGOS**. Please if you haven’t already, send in any LEGO themed item or money. Make sure you mark your calendar for Saturday, September 23rd. This is the date for the **Fall Festival!!!** * Mr. Newman was at SJHC on Wednesday to introduce himself and begin the discussion regarding **Band**. He will have instruments for students to see this Wednesday. I hope you also talk to your child about this wonderful opportunity to learn something new. * **AR update** is with this newsletter. 10 points are required for this quarter.   Upcoming Week   * 1st 5th-Grade led Mass   Wednesday 8/30   * First Spelling Test Wednesday 8/30 * Vision Screening   Wednesday 8/30   * Reading quiz   Thursday 8/31   * Simple Solutions quizzes   Friday 9/1   * Final Spelling Test   Friday 9/1   * Reconciliation   Friday 9/1  **School Policy regarding forgetting of homework or books!**  SJHC and the staff will begin to implement a policy where students will not be allowed back into the building after 3:00 PM to retrieve forgotten homework or books. Students need to be responsible and gather all their belongings at the end of the day. Please talk to your child regarding this policy!!  **Spelling**: This week’s theme is **long vowel sounds.** Students will identify the vowel sound for today’s homework. Tuesday’s homework will be vocabulary based. Students shouldn’t write their spelling words in cursive!!  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 story is called **Davy Crockett Saves the World.** This Tall Tale will explore some wild adventures of Davy Crockett. We will also discuss two important parts of a story: setting and plot.  **Science:** We will continue to explore **space**. The eclipse has peaked our interest and we will continue to learn more about God’s gift of space. Our Tall Tale also explores space.  **Religion**: We have begun to explore our first chapter which is about how **Jesus** shares his life with us. Everything we do at SJHC revolves around our love for Jesus. We learn about our world to show our love for Jesus. We go to Mass to show our love for Jesus.  **Math/Language**: We are still working on a lot of basic skills with our **Simple Solutions** books. I believe students will begin to pick up these basic skills and we will be able to explore skills in our textbook very soon. I like to utilize songs and videos as much as possible to help students remember these concepts. I don’t believe in cramming for a test. Your child will have **regular weekly assessments** but if they do their job daily and are focused on learning they will be successful on these assessments.  **Social Studies:** Our focus so far has been **Geography**. Students have explored a few different types of maps. Our **BizTown** work shows us how an economy works. We will continue to explore these areas this week. |