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| Homan Happenings  Mr. Homan’s 5th Grade Classroom | |
| I forgot to mention last week, how grateful I was for all the Christmas gifts. I am so blessed to work with your children each day. Your kindness was very much appreciated. THANK YOU!!! -Mr. Homan  \*\*\*Important Info\*\*\*   * **5th Grade Bake Sale:** To pay for our field trip to Conner Prairie each year the 5th grade class puts on a Bake Sale for the school. I’ve decided Fat Tuesday, February 13th will be a perfect day for our Bake Sale. I will need each family to help make this a success. I will be sending home more info soon. * **STARBASE Field Trip:** I will be sending home information regarding our STARBASE field trip. Since this is on a military base we must complete the paperwork in order to attend.   **Science:** As you know, we began a special program put on by **I & M** that teaches students about **energy**. Students will be getting a kit with several energy saving options for your house.  We also continue to read about **matter**. We will read about **density**, **mixtures**, and **solutions** as well.  **Social Studies:** We have been reading about our **government**. The Founding Fathers wanted a government that didn’t have anything like a king or queen. We will continue to learn how **laws** are passed and how each branch of the government works together with a system of **checks and balances.**  Upcoming Week   * Open Book Religion Test   Wednesday 1/17   * Simple Solutions Quizzes   Friday 1/19  **Band** on Wednesday only!  **Catholic Schools Week** begins January 28th. We have lots of great activities and projects for this week. If you have lost the list of activities for this week check out our website at stjoehc.org. All of my newsletters can also be found on this site.  Please send me an **email** or **sign** and return this newsletter to confirm you received this.  Sign: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **Spelling**: NO spelling list this week! | ***What we are learning:***  **Reading**: Students were informed last week that we will be participating in the **Tincaps** reading program. 5th Graders must earn their **14 AR points** for the 3rd quarter to be able to attend the game with the school on **Wednesday, April 18th.**  This week we will be reading about **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr**. I want students to know why his birthday was a no school day yesterday. I have several Reader’s Theatre plays that I hope we can read. Our Scholastic News also has an article about Dr. King. I also hope to explore his I have a Dream speech and find out why he believed in the Civil Rights Movement.  **Religion**: We began our chapters covering the **Sacrament of Confirmation.** This will most likely be the next Sacrament these students celebrate. We have already discussed the history of the sacrament and the importance of preparing for this sacrament. We will then begin to learn about the celebration of Confirmation.  **Math/Grammar**: We continue to work on many skills. I have liked Moby Max as an online resource but I have recently discovered a different program called **IXL**. I have signed the class up for a 30-day free trial. This site is linked to the Indiana State Standards. We will be doing a lot of work with this site in the next few weeks. |