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|  Homan Happenings Mr. Homan’s 5th Grade Classroom |
|  I’m not going to lie, this is a stressful time for teachers. We continue to prepare for ISTEP while trying not to stress out the students and continue to teach the skills that are required. I only want my students to do the best possible job they can. I only hope I have put in place things that will help them do this. - Mr. Homan\*\*\*Important Info\*\*\** **5th Grade Bake Sale:** We raised around $230!!!
* **ISTEP:** We will begin testing on Monday, February 26th.

 I have shared my disdain for ISTEP with the class. I however have also shared that I want us to prove to the people that require ISTEP just how smart we are. All I ask is that each student do their best. I believe students are more than a test score, but we might as well give them the best test score we can.* **STARBASE**: We will get to enjoy a week full of fun science, technology, engineering, and math lessons.

**Science:** We will explore review many concepts from our I & M Program. Students will read about **Natural Resources.** With so much going on this is a good week to review these concepts.**Social Studies:** We move into the **California Gold Rush and The Industrial Revolution.** We will also begin writing our Rough Drafts for the **President Reports.** We have two weeks to work on the Rough Draft. I did discover however that I wasn’t as clear as I thought about how the outline and gathering of information would go but we have kept on track without deadlines. Mr. Fisher continues to instruct the 5th graders on **JA** concepts each Friday.Upcoming Week * First Spelling Test

Wednesday 2/21* Reading Quiz

Thursday 2/22* Stations of the Cross

Thursday 2/22* Final Spelling Test

Friday 2/23* Simple Solutions Quizzes

Friday 2/23* ISTEP BEGINS

Monday 2/26**Band** on Wednesday and Friday!Please send me an **email** or **sign** and return this newsletter to confirm you received this. Sign: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Spelling**: This week’s list focuses on words that are **Homographs**. | ***What we are learning:*****Reading**: This week’s story will return to our Social Studies unit on government. We will read about Presidential Succession as well as the importance of voting. Our story this week is a nonfiction article called **“Getting Out the Vote.”** I believe in the importance of voting no matter what side you vote for. As a class we will read about some of the poor numbers when it comes to how many people vote in elections today.  I am also trying to find time to continue to read our novel, **Maniac Magee.** **Religion**: As we have entered the Season of Lent students will be using many of the concepts we have studied on a daily basis. Each Thursday around 1:40 during Lent, when we are able, we will pray the **Stations of the Cross.** Father Bill will also be available for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** during this Lenten Season.  Our next Sacrament to study is the Sacrament of the **Anointing of the Sick.** This is an important Sacrament but one that is often the one that people know very little about.**Math/Grammar**: We continue to work on **ISTEP** related skills. I will be reviewing and working through example questions to make sure each student is aware of the best way to solve each problem they will face on this test. Students will be working on problems they will see on the state test.  |