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| Homan Happenings  Mr. Homan’s 5th Grade Classroom | |
| I very much dislike being away from the classroom. Being in the classroom, working with my students is what I enjoy. I was blessed to be honored at the luncheon last Monday. I also got to attend a workshop in Indy, but I’m glad to be back in the classroom each day this week! -Mr. Homan  \*\*\*Important Info\*\*\*   * **Box Top Contest:** Collect those Box Tops and turn in by February 16th. * **3rd Quarter Midterm**: Midterm is Thursday, February 8th. I can’t believe we are already half way through the 3rd Quarter. * **School Carnival:** Friday, February 9th from 6:00-8:00 PM. Come support our 8th Graders! * **5th Grade Bake Sale:** This will take place on Fat Tuesday, February 13th.   **Science:** We continue to work with **energy** this week. Although we read about many of these things during our I&M Energy Program, we now review them in Simple Solutions.  **Social Studies:** We begin our **President Report** today. We will also explore the **War of 1812, the Monroe Doctrine, and the presidency of Andrew Jackson.** Student will then learn about the **Trail of Tears**.  Each Friday we will have our JA lessons with Mr. Jason Fisher. He has taught **JA** for my students for almost 10 years and does a wonderful job.  Upcoming Week   * 5th Graders Lead Mass   Tuesday 2/6   * First Spelling Test   Wednesday 2/7   * Reading Quiz   Thursday 2/8   * Final Spelling Test   Friday 2/9   * Simple Solutions Quizzes   Friday 2/9   * Valentine’s Day Treats   Tuesday 2/13  **Band** on Wednesday and Friday!  **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**: This week’s list focuses on words with the **schwa ending of /əl/ and /ən/.** | ***What we are learning:***  **Reading**: This week’s story will focus on **The Civil Rights Movement** of the 1960’s. Students will learn how African American people were treated in some places of our country. Our story this week is Historical Fiction. **“Goin’ Someplace Special”** is about a young African American girl who finds a special place to escape the poor treatment she sometimes witnesses.  The class will also begin our next novel, **Maniac Magee.** This novel has some of the same themes regarding racial issues of The Civil Rights Movement.  **Religion**: This week we take a look at the different ways we pray. Students will explore the power of **prayer** as well as the importance in our own life. We will also explore our special practices and devotions.  **Math**: We begin to multiply fractions this week. I actually think students will enjoy and think **multiplying fractions** is easier than adding and subtracting. The issues will be remembering and applying the different skills when they are needed.  **Grammar:** We continue to review **adverbs** and different types of **pronouns**. We will also begin to look at **interjections**.  Today we also began our **President Report.** This will go a long way to prepare students for their Jr. High research report. |