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| Homan Happenings  Mr. Homan’s 5th Grade Classroom | |
| STARBASE was a huge success. I was extremely proud of my class’s behavior, knowledge, and ability to work with students from a different school. It may be hard to get back into the regular school routine this week. A BIG THANK YOU to all the parents that drove us each day!! - Mr. Homan  \*\*\*Important Info\*\*\*   * **Computer Class:** Since I have taken over the computer class, we have begun working on a free typing program called typing.com. Students are learning the proper ways of typing with their fingers on the home row of keys. This program keeps track of each student’s progress. The focus at this point is accuracy NOT speed. We continue to type our President Report and will soon create a Power Point Presentation. * **5th Grade Leads Mass**: The 5th Grade class will be serving and doing the reading for the Wednesday, March 14th Mass. I’ve always loved having my students lead a school Mass.   Upcoming Week   * 5th Grade Leads Mass   Wednesday 3/14   * First Spelling Test   Wednesday 3/14   * Reading Quiz   Thursday 3/15   * Stations of the Cross   Thursday 3/15   * Final Spelling Test   Friday 3/16   * Simple Solutions Quizzes   Friday 3/16  **Band** on Wednesday and Friday!  **Science:** We will explore **electricity** this week. We will learn the two types of electricity being **static electricity and current electricity.** Students will also review conductors and insulators. Some of these topics were discussed last week at STARBASE.  **Social Studies:** We continue to explore what led to the **Civil War**. We will read about Abraham Lincoln as well as the secession of the **Confederate States of America.**  Mr. Fisher continues to instruct the 5th graders on **JA** concepts each Friday.  We will be typing our **President Report.** I’m also hoping to have students do some peer editing.  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 **have the /chər/ and /zhər/ sound.** | ***What we are learning:***  **Reading**: We finished our novel, **Maniac Magee.** Each student took an AR quiz. This score was entered into the grade book for reading.  We get back into our reading textbook this week. Our theme this week is extreme weather. Our main story is an informational nonfiction story called “**Hurricanes**.”  We will also explore the literary elements of **personification, imagery, and onomatopoeia.**  **Religion**: We continue to explore the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.** This week we look closer at the Celebration of the Anointing of the Sick.  We will also pray the **Stations of the Cross** each Thursday around 1:30 during Lent. This week Father Bill will also be available for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation.** 5th Graders are scheduled to attend on Friday.  **Math**: We will continue to review **multiplying fractions** and **dividing fractions.** We also begin to work more with **decimals**. This will lead to how fractions and decimals are related. Students are also going to be doing 4 daily math problems to review and prepare for the final round of **ISTEP**. These problems cover all the standards and are written like the problems students will see on this test.  **Grammar:** We will be editing and revising our **STARBASE essays** as well as type them. |