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| Homan Happenings  Mr. Homan’s 5th Grade Classroom | |
| This is the last full week until Spring Break. Please help me keep the routine and focus. Next week will have a lot of extra activities and I don’t want grades to be low going into Spring Break.  - Mr. Homan  \*\*\*Important Info\*\*\*   * **Feast of Saint Joseph:** Today is the Feast of Saint Joseph. Our church and school are named for this great saint. We don’t know a lot about the man but we do know he was chosen by God to care for Mary and Jesus. * **Box Tops Dress Down Day**: Several 5th Graders received a paper last week stating that they can dress down on Friday, March 23rd. * **Student Council Sucker Pull:** Students can purchase suckers from Student Council starting Monday, March 26th!   Upcoming Week   * Open Book Religion Test   Tuesday 3/20   * First Spelling Test   Wednesday 3/21   * Reading Quiz   Thursday 3/22   * Stations of the Cross   Thursday 3/22   * Final Spelling Test   Friday 3/23   * Simple Solutions Quizzes   Friday 3/23  **Band** on Wednesday and Friday!  **Science:** This week we look at **simple circuits**. We will also explore series circuits and parallel circuits.  **Social Studies:** We dive into the **Civil War**. We explore the first battle at Fort Sumter and other battles. We also begin to learn about how the country came back together during Reconstruction.  Mr. Fisher finished his JA instruction last Friday.  I have been EXTREMELY impressed with the hard work on each **president report.** All students have typed their report. We did some peer editing as well. Students are now working on a **Power Point** to help display information.  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 ending -ance or -ence.** | ***What we are learning:***  **Reading**: This week’s story will be fun but I hope it doesn’t give the class any ideas. We will read **“The Catch of the Day.”** This story is an African play about a character that tricks people to get what he wants.  Students should also be reading their AR books for the 4th Quarter. Students must earn 16 points this quarter.  **Religion**: We will complete our unit on the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.** Students will make cards for the sick and homebound encouraging them to consider this great sacrament.  We will also pray the **Stations of the Cross** each Thursday around 1:30 during Lent.  **Math**: We will continue to work more with **decimals**. We have explored adding, subtracting, writing decimal numbers with words. I even introduced **dividing and multiplying with decimals.** We will be doing more of this in the coming days and weeks.  Students will also continue to do 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:** I hope to begin typing and editing and revising our **STARBASE essays.** This will be a great keepsake for each student. |