



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

May is here, and our Grade 6 class is moving into the final stretch of the school year. Students have been working hard, and we will continue to build our skills in reading, writing, and math while also taking part in some exciting spring learning opportunities.

As the weather gets warmer and the year gets busier, we appreciate your continued support in helping students stay focused and finish the year strong.

REMINDERS

- **Planners:** Please sign planners daily. I want the students to get in the habit of writing two entries each day.
- **Reading:** Students should read 20–30 minutes each evening.
- Please sign and return all permission forms as soon as possible.

WHAT WE'RE LEARNING THIS MONTH

MATH: We are beginning Chapter 7, which focuses on percentages. Students will learn how to understand, represent, and work with percentages in a variety of ways, including connecting them to fractions, decimals, and real-life situations. We will also continue doing Math Minutes; these short practice activities help students review and strengthen a variety of math skills and concepts throughout the year. Continued practice with multiplication facts at home is always helpful as students build confidence and fluency in math.

LANGUAGE ARTS: We have finished our novel study of *Touching Spirit Bear* and have now started Literature Circles. Students are working in groups based on their reading levels, where they will continue building comprehension, vocabulary, discussion, and written response skills. We are also continuing to work on our **Hallway Headlines** bulletin board and are learning about Media Literacy. Students will be thinking critically about the purpose, message, and reliability of different forms of media. Students will also be completing the **School Wide Write** in May. Spelling practice will continue throughout the month.

SCIENCE: We are continuing our unit on the solar system. Each student has been assigned a planet and is working on a project to research and share what they have learned with their peers. This is a great opportunity for students to build their understanding of the planets while also practicing research and presentation skills. We also had the opportunity to visit CNC for the Youth Initiative Launch, where students

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spent time learning in both Biology and Business. In May, an instructor from CNC will be visiting our classroom to lead students through an owl pellet dissection activity.

SOCIAL STUDIES: We are continuing our **Going Global** unit. Students are exploring what globalization means and discussing whether it is a positive or negative force in the world. Through class conversations and activities, students will examine how countries, cultures, economies, and people are connected. They will also consider the impacts of globalization on communities around the world while practicing critical thinking and looking at issues from different perspectives.

RELIGION: We will continue attending Mass each week and beginning and ending each day with prayer as we grow together in faith as a class community. Students are working on a project about the **Ten Commandments**, where they are putting the commandments into modern-day language and connecting it to real-life situations and choices. We are also beginning sacrament preparation for **Confirmation** this month.

Career/Health: We are continuing to explore the concept of **growth mindset**. Students have been reflecting on who they have in their lives to support them and what they need in order to be successful. We have also started learning how to reframe negative thoughts into more positive and helpful ways of thinking. Through discussion and reflection, students are building an understanding of how mindset, effort, and support can help them work through challenges and continue to grow.

ADST: Students are working on a **Genius Hour** project. Each week, they are given one hour with the laptops to research and build a project based on something that inspires them or connects to one of their interests. Students will use class time to explore their topic, gather information, and create their project. These projects will be due at the end of May, and in June, students will give a short presentation to their peers about what they learned and why they chose their topic.

IMPORTANT DATES

May 5 – Relays at Masich

May 7/8 – Musical theatre production

May 14 – Exploration Place field trip (pick up at Exploration Place at 2:00pm)

May 15 – Pro-D Day

May 18 – Victoria Day (no school)

May 22 – School mass led by grade 6

May 24 – Grade 6 confirmation at the Cathedral

Warmly,

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