

Welcome to Fifth Grade!

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Technology in School

- Fifth grade uses the iPad as a learning tool in both classrooms
- Students take the iPad from class to class to have access to various subject materials and assignments
- Tests will be completed on the iPad as well as on paper (depending on the test)
 - You must log-on to Schoology with your student to review a test after it has been graded (they know how to do this)

Technology at Home

- Students should bring their iPad home each night and charge it regularly
- They will not be given the opportunity to charge iPads at school.
- They will need:
 - Schoology – to complete homework assignments, finish classwork, read texts/notes
 - Showbie
 - Notability
 - IXL – weekly practice time; sometimes this can be done in class
 - Email – to be used for school related communication with teachers or maybe a peer; system will not allow any communication outside the @saintjohnxxiii extension

Homework Policy

- Do it
- Do it on time
- Do it to the best of your ability
- Ask questions as needed
- Don't forget it, as late work will have 20% deducted from the graded score

Webpages 5A & 5B

- These are a necessary resource for both students and parents
- What to find:
 - Daily classwork
 - Daily homework
 - Preview of the week, including test and long-term assignment dates
 - Homeroom parent and other office communications posted
- Please be sure to consult our webpages when absences arise so your student has an expectation of what was missed

Absences (early work requests)

- When a student is absent, there will be 2 days given for every day of absence to complete the missed work
- Work will initially be marked in Renweb as **incomplete/missing/absent**
- It is the student's responsibility to see **both** teachers following their absence to discuss missed/make-up work **AND** turn the work in on time
- This holds true for tests as well
- If the assignment is not made up within a two-week time period, the assignment grade will be changed from "A", "M", "I", to a 1. This indicates the assignment cannot be made up for credit. **Late grades will begin on September 5.**

Religion

- Our religion series is titled *Credo: I Believe*
- This text provides 4 basic sections:
 - The Creed
 - The Sacraments
 - The Moral Life
 - Prayer

Doctrine = Comprehensive
look at our Catholic Faith.

Scripture = Bible

Background, the Reading of the Word
of God,

Understanding the word of God.

Liturgical Season: Advent

And Christmas, Lent,
Triduum, Easter

Religion

- Lessons are presented so that we will focus on one chapter each week
 - Tests will be on Fridays
 - There are three places students find information to answer questions for Religion workbook pages: Chapter Text, Notes, and end of chapter questions (in blue).
 - Journal (Gospel Reflection)

Math

- We have adopted a new Math series for K-5 here at SJ called Big Ideas Math. This series is aligned with our Diocesan Math Standards.
- BIM works to develop proficiency in the Mathematical Practices, which are part of our curriculum standards. You will find that the lessons are a bit shorter than past math lessons, they offer practice within instruction and homework that aligns well with the lessons.
- The program is well-balanced, offering vocabulary, building conceptual understanding, and developing fluency, problem solving, and reasoning skills.

Math

1. Make sense of problems and *persevere* in solving them.
2. We will cover all 14 chapters in the text.
3. Students will be quizzed once or twice prior to chapter assessment to measure progress.
4. Use appropriate operations strategically with the goal of gaining confidence.
5. Students will be using IXL to strengthen math concepts and fact fluency.
6. Attend to *precision*.
7. Show your work!

Language Arts

- Provides opportunities for students to practice their reading, writing, and comprehension skills
- Through a variety of activities, they will be given assignments that reinforce specific concepts in Language Arts.

Language Arts

- Literature
 - Novel Studies & A Variety of Children's Books – Midnight Magic by Avi, Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli, and Lion, Witch and Wardrobe by T.S. Lewis
- Grammar
- Spelling
 - weekly lessons, practice work, and quizzes; spelling is assigned on Thursdays and tested on the following Wednesday every week
- Writing – in-class work to include
 - Journal writing prompts
 - Six traits lessons/writing process

Science

- Scientific Method- Short unit, we introduce the wonder of Science.
- Space Systems- Sun, Moon and Stars- We will study aspects of gravity, relative brightness of stars and seasons.
- Structures and Properties of Matter- We will take a look at atoms and molecules, conservation of matter and properties of matter.
- Matter and Energy in Organisms and Ecosystems- We study Ecosystems, which tends to be a favorite with the students, we look at how energy is obtained and transfers throughout our world. This covers the Biosphere.
- Earth Systems- Last quarter we will study the other 3 systems, Hydrosphere, Atmosphere and Geosphere.
- We will discuss how all of these units are a result of God's perfect design.

Social Studies

- Social Studies allows students the opportunity to make connections to the past and relate them to the present and future. The fifth grade will begin with early American peoples transitioning through early Westward Expansion.
- Geography
- Early Native American History
- Exploration
- Settlement of North America
- Establishment of 13 Colonies
- Life in the Colonies
- American Revolution
- United States Constitution
- Financial Literacy/Biztown

Homework FAQs

- **Why is homework given?**
 - Practice and review skills
 - Prepares for upcoming lessons
 - Apply skills to new situations
 - Develop life-long learner skill
- **How much homework will my child have each night?**
 - 30-60 minutes
 - Classwork may become homework when it is not completed in class

Homework FAQs

- **What happens if a student does not complete the homework?**
 - All missing work is initially entered as “Incomplete” and receives a zero
 - Late work can be turned in the next day for a 20% reduction to their score
 - After a two-week period, if the assignment is not turned in, it will be changed to a “1” in Renweb. That means the assignment cannot be turned in for credit
 - Habitually late homework will require a parent-student-teacher conference to discuss strategies to put the student back on course
- **No-Name work** will be given an opportunity for the owner to claim it. The grade will be reduced 10% once claimed, otherwise a student will receive a zero for missing work

Homework FAQs

- **How can Mom or Dad help their children achieve homework success?**
 - Support the value of completing homework well by creating an environment, which is conducive to studying
 - Don't excuse your child from completing homework unless it is absolutely necessary
 - Act as a coach; encourage, support, and direct
 - There will always be times when a student/parent is confused on an assignment. The best advice is to send the teacher an email stating the student is having difficulty. The teacher(s) will take time the next day to clarify the assignment.

Homework FAQs

- **What if the parent does not understand the assignment?**
 - It is the child's responsibility to understand and complete assignments
 - If the parent and/or child are confused about an assignment, the student should ask for clarification the following day
 - Extensions on assignments can be made for such circumstances
 - Please remember to ask for clarification as soon as possible
 - Students are empowered with their email accounts to respectfully ask questions

Miscellaneous

- **Boys:** Please make sure your son's shorts cover their undergarments. They have all been warned that undergarments that fall below their shorts will result in an incident report. Hair: Boy's hair must be cut above the collar and over the ear.
- **Girls:** We understand recycling uniforms, but many of the girls have gotten taller and their skirts a just a bit too short. May want to check that.
- Please no birthday treats. You are welcome to send in fun pencils, etc....but no food or candy.
- Bathroom Breaks
- Renweb: please make sure all individuals responsible for picking up your child are in your Rebweb! We check!

WHAT DOES A THESAURUS EAT FOR BREAKFAST?



A SYNONYM ROLL.