



# Mrs. Kirkpatrick's Fifth Grade News

## September 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

*Riddle me this: I have a tail and a head, but no body. What am I?*

### In Class This Week...

**Reading** – "Camping With the President";  
Narrative Non-Fiction; Cause/Effect;  
**Short Test on Fri., Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>**

**English** – Subject/Predicate, commas,  
homographs  
**Short Test on Fri., Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Spelling** – Long Vowels; prefixes  
**Test on Fri., Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Math** – Decimal Place Value; Comparing/  
decimals; **Quiz Thurs., Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Social Studies** – U.S Constitution  
**No quiz this week**

**Religion** – God's Wonderful Creation and  
The Apostles Creed

**Science** – The scientific method through  
experimentation.

### Important Dates...

**Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, Mon. – LABOR DAY-NO SCHOOL**

**Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, Wed.** – Open House for families,  
9:00am-2:00pm

**Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, Fri.** – 8am Mass; Formal Dress Code

**Sept 13<sup>th</sup> -Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>** – Celebrate Freedom  
Week

**Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, Fri.** – MIDTERM

**Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, Mon.** – Begins Homecoming Week

**Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, Thurs.** – Homecoming Mass For  
Families



**Grandparents Day**  
is **Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**  
See the next page of this  
newsletter for a special  
prayer for Grandparents.

**St. Mary's will be participating in the county-wide Spelling Bee this year! It will be on January 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be doing school spelling bees in December. Now is a great time to start preparing to be a Champion Speller!**



### "Celebrate Freedom Week" is September 13<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>

We will be doing a class presentation on The Preamble of the United States Constitution on **Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**. The students will each have an art project to do for the presentation. I will be posting the assignment to Google Classroom on 9/7. Additionally, students will need to wear something **Red, White and Blue!** This will most likely be a non-uniform day so they can plan their outfits all in Red, White and Blue or just "enhance" uniforms with socks, scarves, hair accessories...etc.

## *Prayer for Grandparents*

Lord Jesus,  
you were born of the Virgin Mary,  
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.  
Look with love on grandparents the world over.  
Protect them! They are a source of enrichment  
for families, for the Church and for all of society.  
Support them! As they grow older,  
may they continue to be for their families  
strong pillars of Gospel faith,  
guardians of noble domestic ideals,  
living treasuries of sound religious traditions.  
Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,  
that they may pass on to future generations the fruits  
of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus,  
help families and society  
to value the presence and role of grandparents.  
May they never be ignored or excluded,  
but always encounter respect and love.  
Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed  
in all the years of life which you give them.  
Mary, Mother of all the living,  
keep grandparents constantly in your care,  
accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage,  
and by your prayers, grant that all families  
may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland,  
where you await all humanity  
for the great embrace of life without end. Amen!

—Pope Benedict XVI

**Week 3**  
**Spelling Words-Long Vowels**

paste	bride	shave	spice	greed
plead	greet	heap	paid	coach
theme	type	oak	growth	yolk
folks	aim	prey	tow	grind

**Vocabulary**

**reins** – long straps that guide a horse

**strenuous** – using a lot of energy

**preservation** – the act of maintaining something in its original state

**conservation** – protection of natural resources

**dignitaries**– important people who hold high-ranking positions

**escorted** – accompanied

**posed** - remained still for a photograph

**grove** – a group of trees standing together

**pack animals** – animals such as mules, donkeys, and horses trained to carry heavy loads

**brisk** – sharp or cold