



Saint Agnes

CATHOLIC CHURCH



February 18, 2024

Rev. Rayappa Konka
Pastor

Susan Flohr
Pastoral Minister

Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 am

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri
7:00 am

Wed 8:15am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

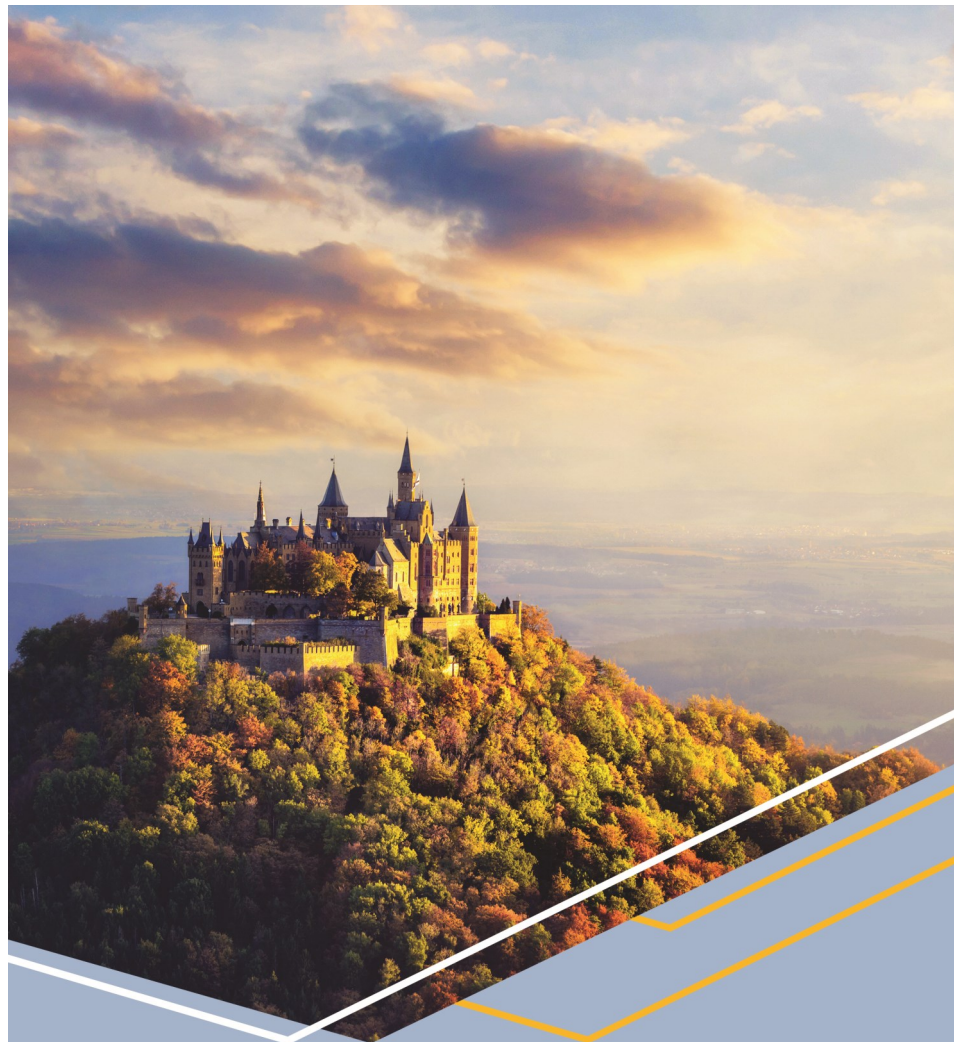
Saturdays one hour prior to Mass
or by appointment (632-2541)

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office

Parish Office Hours:

Tuesday-Friday, 9am - Noon
& 1pm - 4pm



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15



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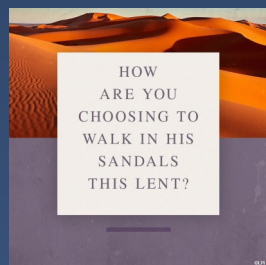
Today's Readings

Genesis 9:8-15

Psalms:25

First Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15



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The First Sunday of Lent

Lent and the Flood

I would bet money that somewhere in your church this Lent, there's a bare tree branch draped in purple fabric and an empty bowl filled with rocks.

I'm not poking fun, the desert imagery that surrounds the season of Lent isn't a cliché — or if it is, it's only because clichés are essentially true. Lent is the desert. Lent is the wilderness. Lent is the time of less.

But what if Lent was also the flood?

It seems counterintuitive, floods are excessive, and we don't think of Lent as a time for superabundance. Lent is when we limit experiences outside of ourselves in order to limit proclivities within ourselves. Lent is not a time for anything to be washing over us, consuming us, carrying us away on a tide.

Unless... it is.

Consider the flood of the Old Testament. An act of destruction, yes, but also an act of purification. An endurance test for the soul, an epic trust fall exercise between God and Noah in which Noah had to ride the literal waves, clinging to life as God wiped away everything familiar. Everything sinful.

In Lent, we relinquish our weaknesses and our infirmities to the flood. It's frightening, certainly. But it's also exciting. Because just as the flood destroys everything, it also makes everything possible. It is a baptism.

Lent, like the flood, makes the world new.

"Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit." — 1 Peter 3:18

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments - By Coleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

This Week's Schedule

Monday, February 19, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: †Doris Flohr by Jerry & Jeannette Fitzgerald
Communal Rosary (4:45pm)
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Children of Margie Rood by Margie Rood
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Daily Mass (8:15am)
Intention: †Doris Flohr by St. Agnes Students & Staff
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15 pm)
Contemplative Prayer (6:00pm)

Thursday, February 22, 2024

Daily Mass (7:00am)
Intention: Grandparents of Margie Rood by Magie Rood
Liturgy of the Hours (5:15pm)

Friday, February 23, 2024

Stations of the Cross - 5:15pm
Mass (5:30pm)
Intention: †Doris Flohr by Pat & Julie Brown


Saturday, February 24, 2024

Weekend Mass (5:00pm)
Intention: †Ben Castinado by Gene & Mari Schwarzkopf

Sunday, February 25, 2024

Weekend Mass (8:00am)
Intention: Ryan Windhorst for Speedy Recovery by The Songco Family
Weekend Mass (10:00am)
Intention: For Our Parish

This Week's Readings



Monday Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-1

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-4

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Server Schedule

Feb 24 5pm Asher Wilson
Easton Hill

Feb 25 8am Traxton Adams
Addison Peck
10:00am David Hafner
Kellan Zulkoski

Lector Schedule

Feb 24 5pm Mary Robinson

Feb 25 8am Toni Warburton
10:00am Michael Schaff

Rosary Leader Schedule

Feb 24 5pm Ashlee Wilson

Feb 25 8am Adam & Nicole Hoelsing
10:00am Angie Hilbert

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & ATW Giving

February 11, 2024

Actual	\$5251.50
Online Giving	\$1104.55
Gen. Church Support	\$4000.00
Budget	\$10000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$356.05

February 2024 Totals

Actual	\$11086.69
ATW	\$3695.00
Online Giving	\$2470.90
Gen. Church Support	\$4000.00
Budget	\$20000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$1251.69

Next Sunday's 2nd collection is for VCNIN

Thank you for your continued giving!

WOMEN AT WELL

Lenten Encounter Event

Virtual Guest Speaker:

Sarah Swafford

"Emotional Virtue for a Drama Free Life"

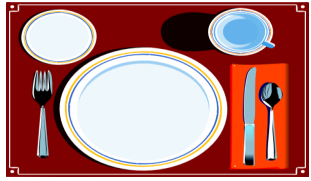


Sunday, February 18th
5:30PM Social
6:00PM Event
7:00PM Adoration+Confessions

Hosted at: St Agnes Catholic Church

Young at Heart

Unfortunately there will be NO Young at heart luncheon in February. We hope to see you in March.



PENNY CARNIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS ARE ON SALE!

Visit the students in the gathering space or purchase from any St Agnes student.

Penny Carnival is March 3rd

Penny Carnival
Is now accepting new and like new Bingo Prizes. Please leave in the boxes in the gathering space or at the school.



ST. AGNES PENNY CARNIVAL

Volunteers **NEEDED**

ABLE TO HELP?
GO TO THE LINK OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP

HTTPS://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/70A0445AFAB29ABF9A-47270006-STAGNES




Support Our Seminararians

Please stop in the Gathering Space after Mass today to learn more about the seminararians from our Diocese. Enjoy a cookie and thank you in advance for your generosity.



2024 Lent/Holy Week Schedule

Daily Mass

Mon, Tues, Thurs 7:00am
 Wednesdays, 8:15am
 Fridays, 5:30pm

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday, 5:15 pm

Adoration

First Friday's, March 1st
 After 7 am Mass until 5:10 pm

Individual Reconciliation

March 26th & 27th 6pm-7pm
 No reconciliation Sat., March 30th

Holy Week Schedule

March 28, Holy Thursday, 7pm
 Adoration to follow until Midnight
 March 29, Stations of the Cross -
 9am
 Good Friday Service - Noon
 March 30, Holy Saturday, 8:00pm
 March 31, Easter Sunday,
 8 & 10:00am

Fish Fry

February March 8 & 22
 5-7pm at the School Gym

Soup Supper

Friday, February 23, March 1 & 15
 following 5:30pm Mass in the
 Garden Room



The Altar Society is again sponsoring soup suppers to be held following the Friday evening Mass on Feb. 23rd, March 1st & March 15th. These will be Pot Luck meals - please bring a pot of meatless soup or bread to share. And if you forget to bring something, no problem, EVERYONE is welcome to come downstairs for fellowship & food after mass.



Registration Information

St. Agnes School will be holding open registration during the week of February 20-25. New students may register during the hours of 7:30-10:30 & 12:30-3:30. A student entering the Pre-K program must be 4 years old by Aug. 1 and those entering kindergarten must be 5 years old by Aug. 1. A state embossed birth certificate and record of current immunizations is also needed.

A new scholarship opportunity is available through the diocese for families new to our school. Qualifying families can receive up to a 90% scholarship. The Scholarship opportunities organization provides another new opportunity for tuition assistance as does the newly established Peggy Olsen Scholarship. These new funding sources along with our own foundation scholarships will allow us to provide more support for families hoping for the opportunity to provide their child/children a Catholic education.

For more information on registration, scholarship opportunities, school programming and openings, please contact Administrator, Julie Brown @ 632-6918 ext #3 or jbrown@st-agnes-school.com.

Eucharistic Revival

Parish Year 2023-2024

SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

3pm - Soup Supper - 6pm

St. Agnes Catholic Church Garden Room

Please RSVP for the Soup Supper - 308-635-1362 or dre@st-agnes-church.com



Lectio Divina Process

Join us as we continue to build our prayer life from Fr. Harr's talk on Personal Prayer: A duty, A Privilege, and a Challenge.

Fr. Dan Gilbert will be at St. Agnes to teach about the Lectio Divina process and then guide us in experiencing Lectio Divina.

Fr. Daniel Gilbert

Pastor of St. Leo, Gordon, Immaculate Conception, Rushville,
 St. Columbkille, Hay Springs



Knights of Columbus

Fish Fry Dates -

March 8th, and March 22nd.

Service will begin again at 5:00 pm, and we will end at 7:00 pm. \$10 for Adults & \$5 for Kids. Please save the dates.

Knights of Columbus in Action! Scottsbluff K of C members provided and served food to the people in need in our local community. This is a council's monthly project.



What a great turn out for our Annual Knights of Columbus "Casino Night"! This is our 2nd biggest project of the year. Thank you to all our Sponsors and to all our Patrons that attended the event.



Liturgy Corner

Last weekend at all masses we recognized the people who serve as ushers and greeters at St. Agnes. We want to thank those who are dedicated to the service of our church.



The ministry of ushers is the oldest lay ministry in the Catholic Church. During the time of Christ, the doorkeepers of the temple numbered in the hundreds and were the forerunners of today's ushers. The more immediate predecessor of today's usher can be found in the clerical order of ostiary (porter), instituted in the 3rd Century A.D. During those times it was the duty of the porters or ushers to guard the door of the church against any intruders who might disturb the service. The porter duties were so important that they came to be included in the rite of ordination, where they were specified as: "to ring the bells, open the church and sacristy, to open the book for the preacher." In 1972 Pope Paul VI abolished the order of porter and this important task was given over to the laity.

The ministry of greeters is that of hospitality. As you enter a Catholic church building, you say hello to those arriving with you. Your parish may have someone at the door to add to this friendly encounter. That person is the greeter. This role is fairly new. It evolved from the Church's desire to encourage the "full, conscious, and active participation" of the people in harmony with Vatican II's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (14). Human beings are more apt to pray together, sing together, and observe silences together if they are united in faith and service. This bonding begins at each Mass as soon as we arrive at church. Greeting one another is more than a social convention. It begins to form the Body of Christ assembled for worship on this day. Our time together at Mass is framed by the formation of community before and after the service. When Mass is over, we go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Having worshiped as one, we leave to serve as one. A greeter welcomes you to the building and helps you feel at home. If you are unfamiliar with the church you are visiting, the greeter will help you find participation aids, a place to sit, the location of restrooms, and any other useful information. Even though some people take on the role of greeter at a parish church, everyone shares this responsibility. When you greet others on your way in or out of the building, you are connecting with them in faith, acknowledging the values you share, supporting them with your prayer, and reminding them that none of us is alone. God is with us always, manifest in the simple care of Christian brothers and sisters at church. *Liturgical Life of the Parish: Liturgical Ministers* © 2020 Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications. All rights reserved. Written by Paul Turner

If you are interested in serving as an usher or a greeter please contact Kathleen Roehl at ministers@st-agnes-church.com

Religious Education Program

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Celebrating Sunday
First Sunday in Lent
Gospel: *Mark 1: 12-15*

On the Way to Mass:

Sometimes we make good choices, and sometimes we are tempted to go against God's plan. Reflect on the last time you made a good choice that yielded harmony, unity, and peace.

On the Way Home From Mass:

Jesus went to the desert to pray. What does that tell us about how we can prepare ourselves to make good choices? Praying and reading God's Word, the Bible, will help us stay close to him.

Living the Word:

For your prayer table at home, find a piece of purple cloth, a purple scarf or pillowcase, or even some purple construction paper to place on the table. Changing the color of the cloth is a way for the children to focus on and to honor the same change that they will observe in the parish church. As a family, decide what other items will adorn your prayer table during Lent: a Bible, a candle, a crucifix? Is there a word or phrase from today's Gospel that you would like to include on your prayer table?.

*Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families
2023-2024*

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Meet the Confirmation Candidates



Coraline Hill

My name is Coraline Hill. My family is my mom, Sundee, my dad, Josh, my older sister, Téa, and my younger brother, Easton. I attend Bluffs Middle School and I am in 8th grade. I play volleyball, basketball, and run track.

Goals for Confirmation:

My goal for Confirmation is to become closer to God. After I receive the Sacrament I plan to maybe become a Religious Ed teacher. I would like to teach people about God and Jesus and ways he can help us through hard times.

Fridays during Lent

5:15 pm - Stations of the Cross

5:30 pm - Daily Mass

Attend the
Fish Fry - 2/16, 3/8, 3/22(gym)

Soup Supper - 2/23, 3/1, 3/15
(Garden Room)

Family Lent Calendar

Sunday - February 18th

"Bury the Alleluia." Write the word, "alleluia." on a piece of paper. Put it in a bag and bury it in the ground until Easter.

Monday - February 19th

Resolve to only use kind words today.

Tuesday - February 20th

Pick a person or situation in the news and pray for them at dinner.

Wednesday - February 21st

Put out an empty "Donations" box. Fill it with unused clothes or toys in good condition throughout Lent.

Thursday - February 22nd St. Peter's Chair

Offer extra prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father.

Friday - February 23rd

Attend the Stations of the Cross service at 5:15pm - then attend the Mass that follows.



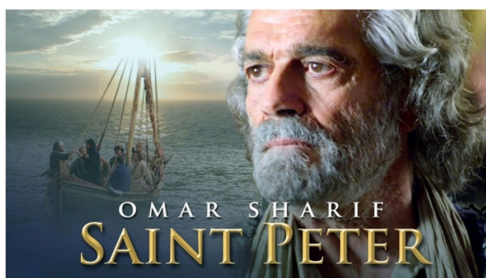
Attend the Soup Supper as a family in the Garden Room following Mass.

Saturday - February 24th

Set out a "Lenten good deed jar" and add a jelly bean every time someone does a good deed. Enjoy at Easter.

THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of February 18, 2024



Saint Peter

Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a cross.



The Afterlife | Eternal Rest | Episode 2

What happens after the moment of our death? Once the soul has been separated from the body, then what? What is heaven, hell, and purgatory? This session looks at the truth about what awaits the human person on the other side of death.



Week One | Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

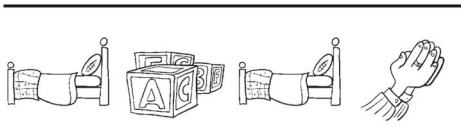
In the Week One video for the Restore Lent series, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, reflects on the theme of the week—the desert. She explains that Jesus is inviting you to move beyond your comfort zone and into the deepest places of your heart with him. It is Jesus who helps you root out the sin, sickness, and self-hatred in your life. Sr. Miriam assures us that we can look to him for comfort, love, and healing.

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Kids' Corner

PUZZLE

Circle the picture that is the same as the first one. Then color in all the pictures.



MISSION

I will be a builder, not a wrecker.

PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

SPIRIT
JESUS
DESERT

FORTY
SATAN
TESTED

ANIMALS
ANGELS
BELIEVE

E S Y T U O I G U F E
R A N I M A L S J O R
I T G S Y N O E A R I
S A L O F G D N S T N
T N E T A E S J I Y O
E M S B E L I E V E S
S U O J T S R S O S U
T S P I R I T U P A T
E L A D L U N S E D Y
D E S E R T M I R O N
O T I M Y B A L Y T A

MISSION

Memorize Proverbs 1:3, "You will learn what is right and honest and fair." Practice writing it and saying it every day, until you know this verse by heart.



Connecting Students and Families through Faith
February 18, 2024



Upcoming Events

Monday, February 19th

No School - Winter Break

Tuesday, February 20th

Registration Opens

Wednesday, February 21st

Mass followed by Reconciliation

Friday, February 23rd

Discipleship Friday



The Official Wedding of the Letter Q and U

The official ceremony uniting the letters Q and U was presided over by kindergarten teacher, Teri Ramirez, on Monday, February 12th. Kindergarten students hosted the entire school to watch the union of Q and U as they promised to stay together forever in words like quack, quarter and quick. A reception followed.



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Registration Information

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open. Current and new families may register anytime the week of February 20-23 from 7:30-11:30 and 1:00-4:00. New students must provide a state embossed birth certificate, proof of immunizations and a \$100 registration fee. Families not able to register during these dates and times, please contact the school office, 632-6918 to schedule another time to register. Questions may be directed to: Julie Brown, jbrown@st-agnes-school.com or 632-6918 ext. #3.

Celebrating Chinese New Year

First and second grade students enjoyed celebrating the Chinese New Year, which began on Saturday, February 10th. After studying and learning about the Chinese customs and lunar new year activities, the students enjoyed watching the dragon dances and creating their own dragon, received a red envelope with “lucky money”, tried eating Chinese food using chop sticks, and created some wonderful art projects. The students always enjoy this fun, educational and cultural learning experience.



Valentine Parties

The annual Valentine parties took place on Monday, February 12th. The students celebrated early since the 14th marked Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Individual classes enjoyed games, treats and sharing fun messages with their classroom friends. Thanks to the parents who helped to make these celebrations a great time!



Mardi Gras Celebration

Tuesday, February 13th marked the return of the family-style Mardi Gras celebration. For the first time since before COVID, the celebration returned to the evening and families were invited to help celebrate the raucous occasion. Students donned their masks and beads and paraded behind their class banner while making plenty of noise. Everyone enjoyed a supper of pancakes and sausage. We now look forward to a quieter and more prayerful time during Lent.



Hot Lunch Menu for February 19th, 2024 - February 23rd, 2024

Monday, Feb 19

**NO SCHOOL
WINTER BREAK**

Helpers:

Tuesday, Feb 20

Taco
Refried Beans
Rice
Applesauce

Helpers:
Ruba Sarsour
Saed Awadallah

Wednesday, Feb 21

Pancakes
Sausage Patty
Potato Wedge
Spinach
Peaches

Helpers:
JoAnn Savala
HELP NEEDED

Thursday, Feb 22

Grilled Cheese
Tomato Soup
Steamed Broccoli
Pears

Helpers:
Charissa Gould
Travis Gould

Friday, Feb 23

Fish Sticks
Green Salad
Green Beans
Mandarin Oranges

Helpers:
Danielle Guerrero
JoAnn Savala

What's Happening at St. Agnes School.....



Second Grade Class

By Lori Svitak



February was a fun and busy month. We enjoyed Catholic Schools Week activities. We made valentine cards for the nursing home. We made thank you notes for our parents. We are blessed to belong to this Catholic community.

We celebrated Chinese New Year too. Since it was the year of the dragon, we colored dragons and watched a video with dragon dancers. We took a virtual field trip to China. The students were very interested in this video. We learned about the culture of the country. The highlight was getting to eat fried rice with chopsticks. Rosie's Chinese Express donated the rice, chopsticks, and fortune cookies.

The 100th day of school was also in February. We enjoyed our time celebrating the number 100.

In science, we are starting our unit on matter. We will sing songs and do experiments. It is a very fun unit. Stay tuned until next time.

Happy Birthday to Kameron Wahl and Lily Adams.

A special birthday shout-out to our Leap Year Birthday Girl: Sarah Awadallah!



Fifth Grade Class

By Lynsey Ayers



Hello Everyone! Here we are halfway through February! Soon the third quarter will end, which is difficult to believe. The fifth graders are moving through all of their subjects so quickly! In math, we have officially completed the first book, and will be starting the second off with Unit 8 which is very exciting!

In reading, all of the groups have finished their reading group books, and have picked a new one to finish off the school year with.

In science, we are learning about Earth's resources and how we can use and preserve them properly, and soon we will be beginning to learn about space.

In social studies, we have been learning all about the first colonies of America, and the Revolutionary War. Each student has begun their research on their Historical Figure that they were matched up with, and started creating their power point presentations showing what they learned about them. Some of the fifth graders have already presented their projects while dressed up like their figures, and did an amazing job while at it! It has been an amazing month with a lot of hard work, but there is still a lot more ahead of us. I know that the fifth graders are going to jump into it with both feet and do amazing!

