

February 6, 2019



Happy Valentine's Day

St. John the Baptist
5th Grade

Mrs. Gross's Classroom Newsletter

Practicing Math

I have launched a fact fluency initiative in math. Students are learning strategies for solving multiplication/division facts 1-12 quickly. Each week we spend time reviewing and practicing. Eventually, students will know these facts automatically. Being automatic with their facts will be beneficial when working on complex (higher-level) math problems. Please support this effort at home. Have your child review each night for 5 minutes. If you need materials for this practice please let me know. I would be happy to send home items.

Registration

Registration is now open for the 2019-2020 school year. If you have any questions, please ask.

Curriculum Focus

Math

- Dividing decimals
- Fact Fluency 1-12

Reading

- Tuck Everlasting
- Skills – comprehension, inference, foreshadowing, flashback, compare/contrast, vocabulary,

Study Skills

- Unit 1: Strategies for the classroom
- Unit 2: Organizing Assignments
- We are finishing Unit 1 on Monday and then moving into unit 2 the following week. Lessons can be found on our web page.

Classroom Web Page

Wish List

Thank you to the Emery Family for their donation of an EZ Grader for classroom use and the Karch Family for their donation of playing cards for indoor recess. Both items are deeply needed and appreciated.

Tuck Everlasting

An audio for our reading book is available on the class web page. Many students use this resource in class and at home.

Study Skills

I upload each strategy taught onto our web page. Please take time to review with your child.

Fieldtrip Information

The fifth grade class will be taking a fieldtrip to Barkhausen on Feb. 20. Students will participate in the wilderness survival program. During this program students will learn about basic survival skills and techniques, winter hazards, survival kit preparation and dressing for the outdoors. Students will then work in small groups to build a shelter, make a fire, and boil water. Students will need to dress for the outdoor weather. You will find the permission slip for our fieldtrip in today's blue folder. If you have any questions, please ask.



Reminders to Parents

- Adoration 2/7/19
- Family Groups 2/8/19
- Field Trip Permission slips due 2/13/19
- Science Fair 2/14/19
- Field Trip 2/20/19