

4-5 Weekly News

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I can't believe it is already the weekend!? May you have a blessed one.

What's coming up this next week?

Writing:

Social Studies: We will spend the next several weeks learning about Native Americans. It should be a fun unit! We will be making Totem Poles. If you have empty paper towel rolls, or even empty toilet paper rolls, please send them to school so we can make miniature 3D models. The students will also make a three paragraph story to accompany their totem pole. Each student has also begun researching either a region or a tribe of Native Americans. The students will be researching and compiling information both at school and at home. (Tip: Kiddle.co is a search engine for kids...it's like Google but brings up more information that is supposed to be easier for kids to comprehend) The project is due 10/30. Each student was given a list of expectations for the project. I am seeing how they all do with being in charge of this on their own, but if you need me to send a copy of the project guidelines to you, send me an email. Thanks.

Memory:

This week's memory:

Monday's memory verse is 1 Timothy 3: 6

Wednesday's memory verse is Titus 1: 9

Friday's is 1 Corinthians 9: 14

These are in the Small Catechism and-of course-in the Bible

Reading:

4th Graders have started reading the novel, **Be a Perfect Person in Three Days** by Stephen Manes. So far, they are enjoying it. They should have read through chapter 2 by now.

5th graders are reading **The Night of the Twisters** by Ivy Ruckman. For some students, the reading might be tricky so if you have time, feel free to read their assignments with them. They should be through the chapter entitled Eight O'Clock.

We have also talked about summarizing with the "Somebody-Wanted-But-So-Then" format (see if you student can clue you in on this) which works for complete stories. When summarizing chapters, we will look at the key points, main characters, setting, and the beginning, middle and end.

The students are enjoying reading online at Reading A to Z/ "RAZ Kids." They can access this at home with their own username and password as well- located in the back of the assignment notebook. After reading RAZ online, students can click on the "?" and answer comprehension questions. Of course there is an avatar the students can buy things for by reading books, which is of great interest to the fifth graders, particularly. But, if it makes them want to read, why not?!

God Bless You. Feel free to contact me at any time.

-- Mrs. Lenaburg

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