

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade News

November 10, 2011

**Dear Parents,**

**Thank you for all of your acts of kindness and generosity these past few months. Similar to acts of charity, student work can demonstrate that the smallest gifts of caring and attention make the biggest difference.**

**As we proceed through the month of November, we have additional opportunities to share what we have. Please consider, if you are able, giving extra generously to the next two collections:**

- **St. Michael's Food Shelf**, (collecting through November 18) **and**
- **Operation Christmas Child** (boxes are due November 16).

- November 18<sup>th</sup> – READOs are due.
- November 18<sup>th</sup> – Metric Poster Project is due.
- November 22<sup>nd</sup> – We will have a Thanksgiving Feast and 5<sup>th</sup> grade will lead the Thanksgiving Mass. More information on this is below.

### **A QUICK LOOK AT OUR CLASSES:**

**Science:** We have been getting acquainted with the metric system of measurement. In-class "lab" and "metric math" is a big part of this unit. Work pages and quizzes are given. The Metric Poster Project is due November 18, but projects can be brought in early for extra credit.

**Social Studies:** We have been working with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's "AgMag" which ties in well with what we have been learning in our map study. For a Minnesota Thanksgiving Feast on Tuesday, November 22 we will concentrate on foods that can be grown in Minnesota (and western Wisconsin!) Watch for a flyer showing what to bring to the feast.

**Religion:** Students are learning how Jesus the Prophet teaches us, Jesus the Priest teaches us and Jesus the King teaches us. In addition, students are learning changes in the new Roman Missal which will begin its use during the Advent season. Check out the "New Roman Missal for Youth Ministers - Word for Word" by Life Teen" at <http://www.ismasschanging.org/>. The school office also has a DVD that you may check out to learn more about these changes.

**Math CT:** We are well into Chapter 5 on Data, Graphs, and Probability. This chapter lends itself quite well to some fun activities. In these, neatness and accuracy in displaying data is very important. The chapter test is anticipated before Thanksgiving Break. Accelerated Math is going well. Students are expected to have at least one Accl. Math sheet per week scored and recorded. Successful test points up to 10 points will be added to Checkpoint quiz scores.

**Math BL:** Students are successfully working through the material in the Data, Graphs and Probability chapter. Fifth Graders should expect a test at the end of next week. This test will include cumulative materials from chapters covered so far this year.

**Language Arts:** Students have been working on prewriting and drafting techniques that improve the writing process. Students will be learning all about nouns and will have a test at the end of the week. The next writing assignment will be an Informative Essay; students may choose their own topics for this writing piece. We will begin reading "Out of the Dust" in literature circles this week. Students will also learn about similes and their significance to the story selection.