

Sixth Grade



September

Dear 6th Grade Parents,

First of all, thank you to all of you that were able to make it to our Back- to- School night. I enjoyed meeting with you all. If you were not able to make it and have not received the packet please let me know so I can get that to you.

The first couple of days of class have been mostly a review of classroom policies and expectations. Next week, we will start getting into our material more and homework will also start then. Homework will be



assigned for the entire week on Monday and it is due the following Monday. The earliest it can be turned in is on Friday.

Again, I would appreciate your patience and flexibility as I

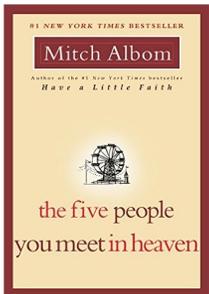
adjust to a new grade level also. I will do my best to keep you informed of anything upcoming. You may always contact me via email or in person if you

have questions on anything. I will be talking with Mrs. Huerta about the "remind" program that she used last year. It sounds like that worked well for everyone.

As you know our 6th grade camp is scheduled for the week of November 13th. There will be a meeting in October where more specifics will be available.



As we start our year in language arts, we begin our reading program on the topic



of courage. We will be reading several stories in class related to this. We

also have our vocabulary and spelling words to work on. In addition, I

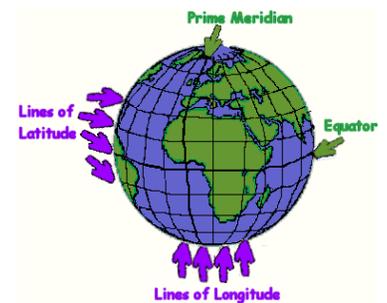
will be providing writing prompts for the students so they can continue

to hone their writing skills. As discussed at Back- to- School night, I will be reading "The Five People You Meet in Heaven" to them. They will need to listen closely and take notes

because they will be tested on this material. Also, as a class, we will read "Wednesday Wars". I will need your child to have this book by October 2nd.

In math, the first few days have been spent quickly reviewing some basic concepts from 5th grade. Next week, we will begin our first chapter looking at number sense and addition and subtraction of numbers including decimals. This should be familiar to them already. We will review place values in numbers.

In science, we begin the year with a general chapter on earth science. This includes several subtopics including a discussion on latitudes and longitudes. I am looking forward to teaching the students some more in



depth information related to this area. We will also be using our science weeklies to enhance our earth science studies.



In social studies, we begin the year with a discussion on geography. This blends well with our science material so it should make the material easier to grasp for the students. After that, we begin our lessons relating to early civilizations and cultures. This

theme will continue throughout our 6th grade year. Again, we have our social studies weeklies to enhance our learning in this area. (And no, I was not part of one of the earliest civilizations)

In religion, we begin by discussing God's revelation and the many books of the Bible. That leads us to Chapter 2 about creation and the book of Genesis.



I am extremely pleased to announce that Mrs. Vickery will be serving as our room parent. Having worked with her before, I feel so lucky that she has stepped forward once again. As I'm sure you are aware, she does a fabulous job with any task she takes on. Thank you Mrs. Vickery! I know from past experience that this class is a class of parents that really get involved. That makes our year go so much more smoothly and I'm sure Mrs. Vickery appreciates all the help you can give her. I'll thank all of you in advance for your support because I remember how awesome you were a few years back. Yes, I may lose my keys constantly and can't find the remote half the time but my memory isn't completely gone yet.

Thank you for understanding that I am getting my feet wet and trying to find my way in a new class right now. I promise to do the best I can in educating your child both academically, physically with athletics and socially. I just need a little flexibility, patience and support. Thank you so much for giving me that.

COMING SOON



Friday, September 1	Noon Dismissal
Monday, September 4	Labor Day-No School
Monday, September 11	Patriot Day
Tuesday, September 12	Picture Day
Saturday, September 16	Diner en Blanc
Sunday, September 17	Catechetical Sunday
Tuesday, September 19	All School Mass @ 11 am
Monday, September 25	Sixth Grade Assembly

PE days are on Wednesday and Friday. Our weekly Mass is on Thursday at 8:00 AM.



September 1	Giovanna G.
September 9	Meena R.
September 17	Andrea V.
September 22	Noor M.
September 27	Sophia S.

God Bless,

Mr. Urtz