

Mr. Ensrude's 5th Grade

September 9, 2022

5th Grade Transition: I have already seen a ton of growth in the 5th grade in just the first two weeks of school. The kids are really doing a great job stepping up and showing me they are up for the challenge of being the good leaders and role models for the younger kids at Messiah. Keep encouraging your kids and reminding them that this year is a big year of transition and will have its challenges, but they should keep working hard!

Math

Holy Fractions, Batman! Yes, we have noticed that the new 5th grade math book loves fractions! Is it a bit challenging at times? Yes. Is it too hard? No! The kids are doing a great job stepping up and taking on the challenge of adding/subtracting/converting/reducing mixed numbers and improper fractions. The good news is that it will only get easier! We will eventually move on and start covering other topics! Keep your chins up 5th graders! We got this!

Science

We continued to discuss properties of matter in science and did a few more activities, both virtual and hands on. We also did a few of the online activities (virtual labs, interactivities, and online quizzes) together so we can become more comfortable with them.

Geography

We finished up our first chapter on Brazil this week and will be having our first test next week. We will be doing a lot of reviewing in class leading up to the test. We will also get a "study guide" to help us review. The test will be on Friday.

Reading

In reading, we continued to read Number the Stars as a class and practiced different reading group jobs, answered questions about the reading, and had great discussions about the book and some reading strategies. We also spent a little bit of time working on our book project books. Please check with your child to see if they are on track to finish up their book by Sept. 19th. This will give them a week to finish their project by Sept. 23rd.

Spelling

We will focus on our week 2 spelling words next week. Please take a little time to review these words with your child every night. I would suggest having them write the words out so they can see them as they spell.

Bible Study

We discussed more about temptation and how we can use the Bible. We have been doing some Bible trivia and I am really impressed on how well the kids are catching onto the clues of where to find things in the Bible.

ELA

We worked more with nouns this week and will be looking at verbs next week.