

September 28, 2011

Dear Parents,

We are off to a great start in 5<sup>th</sup> grade this year! All our routines are in place and the students are mostly keeping up nicely. Please check the assignment notebook often and remember to sign it on the weekend. Also, please talk with your child about when is the best time to complete the Spelling packet each week. They are due on Wednesday, but students need to set aside some home time for doing the work. It should take most students about 1 to 1 ½ hours to complete so most cannot complete them in one sitting. You may need to help your child think through their schedule of activities and decide when they will have time to complete it.

We have our first Science test this Friday. Students are bringing home a study guide/review sheet tonight (Wednesday) to fill out. We will go over it tomorrow in class and then they will bring it home again to study for the test. Please quiz your child and help them commit the information to memory. Book Reports are due tomorrow (Thursday) so I have not assigned any homework other than studying Science so that the students may have time to complete the Book Report on time. Remember to check it over and sign the bottom of the form. Your signature on this is worth 5 points to your student!

I have exported grades to the web (for the third time) and I would like to know if you are able to access them on the St. Mary's website. We have worked with the program and are hopeful that this time it worked! Please let me know if you have accessed any grades so far for 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

I am really enjoying getting to know your children. Keep in touch!

Have a good week.

Mrs. Harrell