

5Th Grade Newsletter

News and a letter in one place

Introduction

Dear parents,

A wise person once said: "The bigger the photograph, the shorter the newsletter." So, here's a big photograph and short, but surprisingly filling, newsletter!

Homework

Each week, I'll put some extra math practice on Showbie (Extra Math folder) for children who want to sharpen up their math skills. I am not going to force children to do it, but I recommend they do.

Social studies

We've been studying Polytheism; which isn't the worship of parrots, but societies with many gods. As part of creative writing, your little St. Augustines then created their own gods; and, boy-o-boy, were they out of this world?! I certainly won't sleep forget them for a long time, no matter how hard I try...



English

Like a trumpet player paid by the toot, we've been over h-y-p-h-e-n-a-t-i-n-g (hyperventilating) in English. Yes, we've been learning whether it's a man eating shark or a man-eating shark - a life and death question for both man and shark.

When we haven't been putting a little stick between two words, we've been getting perfectly tense in grammar. Yes, it's time to learn the past, present and future perfect tenses - we had, we have and we will have: useful phrases in today's world.

Maths

Like minimalists on a survival course, we've been getting down to the basics in math - multiply it, divide it, add or subtract. Yes, we've been crunching numbers like Grandpa's knees on the dance floor. Now, we know short division, and multiplying/dividing to the power of 10.

We've also been scratching our heads at horribly logical logic puzzles and getting angular working out the areas of triangles and circles - it's all shaping up...