

News from Mrs. Savage

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Dear Sixth Grade Parents:

I hope this note finds you well! Well, here we are in the midst of May! How can this be that our school year will soon be winding down?

Spring Fever has certainly struck! But, it's important for the kids to remember that there's still plenty of work to do. Sixth grade isn't over yet! I want express a simple reminder for them to put their best feet forward and to be proud to hand in quality work at all times.

Here's what's happening:

ELA – Our class novel The Lightning Thief is near completion and the kids are enjoying the journey of Percy Jackson. They will be assessed in various forms...a standard test, an AR quiz, a quiz on recognizing Figurative Language within the novel, and of course writing. There have been informal assessments throughout the novel as well. We have engaged in class discussions as well as reflected on chapter questions after reading.

The students should continue to read independently each night. This will strengthen both their reading stamina and aid in their written responses. In order to ensure this is happening, they are required to read and respond in their journals. There have been consecutive responses assigned for the past two weeks, requiring that 2 journal entries be completed each week. This will continue until the end of the school year.

Social Studies – We are in the middle of studying Ancient Greece and all of the components of this fascinating civilization. Our current focus is the comparison of the two popular city-states of Athens and Sparta and their very different ways of life. The students will be assessed on their knowledge through a writing assignment whereby they will have to address their preference of which city-state they'd choose to live. We will then touch upon the origin of the Olympic Games.

Religion – On Monday, May 20th the Sixth graders had the privilege of attending the prayer service for Father Bristol's Oath of Office, as he will be embarking on his mission to serve as a Chaplain in the United States Navy. This prayer service was truly special and quite moving. Father Bristol will be missed, but I know the guidance he will be providing to many is much needed. We thank him for his prayers and service here at Divine Wisdom and St. Anastasia's Parish, and wish him all the best. I know for myself, I will miss him greatly.

This week is Spirit Week, so there's lots going on. As you can imagine, the kids have extra energy this week (I didn't know that even existed LOL).

As always, should you have any questions or concerns, please drop me an email gsavage@dwcaonline.org and I will get back to you in a timely manner. Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mrs. Savage