



From Mrs. Napoli's Fifth Grade Class:

November is here! It will soon be time for Thanksgiving and ushering in the Christmas season! We will be sending information out shortly about **Operation Christmas Child**. The transition to fifth grade can be a little overwhelming, but the students are learning quickly. I am pleased with their progress in the area of time management and organization. The goal is to completely prepare them for middle school where there are midterms, finals, and constant switching of classes with varied due dates for assignments. Keep encouraging your child to use his or her time wisely and plan ahead! These skills are essential for success. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. The best way to reach me is by writing a note in your student's planner or by email (ynapoli@christianca.com). Thank you for taking the time to read this letter!

Bible: This month we will be studying the qualities God wants His people to have in their lives. We will learn about Job, Nehemiah, Ezra, and Malachi. We will continue to follow the history of the Israelites rebuilding the Temple.

Math: The students will continue with Module 2 which explores multiplication and division with both whole numbers and decimals. There will be a day of review and a quiz after lesson 20. We will complete Module 2 in December.

ELA: During the month of November, we will be finishing up Unit 1 in the Wonders Reading Curriculum. There will be a cumulative test for Unit 1 coming up in a few weeks. We will then take a short break from Wonders and focus on a novel study. We will begin reading *Esperanza Rising* and working with the text to strengthen the ELA skills being taught in Wonders. We are excited that Senora Wiggins is going to work alongside us in Spanish class to help us better understand the Mexican culture and Spanish words used in the book.

Social Studies: We will begin to explore the Native American tribes found in the Northwest, Southwest, Plains, and Eastern Woodlands of the United States including the Iroquois, Natchez, Hopi and Lakota tribes. We will take a closer look at their cultures and the contributions they have made to our country.

Science: In class, we will continue to incorporate both our science textbook as well as the online component called Mystery Science. Chapter 11 is where we will continue learning about weather patterns and the water cycle. Towards the end of the month, we will have the chapter 11 test and then begin chapter 12 learning about the oceans.

Dates to Remember:

November 5 - Leaf Raking Day

November 9 - Grandparents' Day/ Early Dismissal at 11:00 am

November 12 - No School for Veteran's Day

November 16 - Early Dismissal at 11:00 am / Parent-Teacher Conferences

November 21 - Early Dismissal at 11:00 am

November 22-26 - No School - Thanksgiving Recess