It was nice to meet some of you at Preview Night tonight. Thank you to those who stopped in and donated supplies to the classroom or donated books from the Book Fair. I really appreciate how you have made me feel welcome in my new home. This week we are taking the Iowa Tests. We will be taking the tests in the morning all week and on Monday, the 26th. Here is what is going on this week:

Social Studies

5th Grade Social Studies

We have started our presentations on our interviews of our grandparents. They are fascinating and we are learning that some of our grandparents had to make many sacrifices for their families. The vast amount of history that has been witnessed by our family is astounding. I will try to share some with you next week.

6th Grade Social Studies

The students have been working in groups to design buildings by using the themes of geography to plan a town. We will be presenting these this week.

Religion

5th Grade Religion
We will continue to study the 7 sacraments this week in class. We are in the process of making posters with symbols of the sacraments and will be discussing how grace helps us to avoid sinning.

6th Grade Religion

Due to testing, we will not be meeting this week, but I have been planning for next week and we will continue our chapter on the Eucharistic Sacrifice and will be participating in a prayer celebration with a Jewish Sabbath Blessing.

5 A Math

Because of the shortened day on Friday of last week, we were not able to take our weekly quiz. This week, we will not have any homework, but we will be taking a quiz on Friday. The quiz will include multiplying and dividing whole numbers and decimals by powers of 10 and concepts from Simple Solutions that we have been working on in class.

I am available for extra help, if needed.

Strategy Applications

5th Strategy Applications

The 5th graders are working hard on close reading. We read and analyzed a passage about lighthouses on Monday and will start working on a piece on the orphan trains.

6A Strategy Applications

The 6th graders presented their close reading posters and we will begin analyzing a piece on The Great Depression. We are working on being more conscientious while we read so we can comprehend more of the topic.

Feel free to email me if you have any questions. Have a great week!

God’s blessings,

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