April 11, 2017

Dear Fifth Grade Families,

In this Holy Week, we gather daily in the sanctuary for worship. Thursday we will observe Maundy Thursday and the stripping of the altar in preparation for Good Friday. You are welcome to join us any morning at 8:30 a.m. There is no school on Good Friday, April 14 or Easter Monday, April 17.

We had plenty of enthusiasm for the Science Fair project and the first egg drop last week. Students did a great job preparing a container in hopes of keeping an egg safe from a 14 foot fall from the first level of the parking garage. Tomorrow, Wednesday, we will make another attempt. All should make adoptions to the original container and will drop from level two or repeat level one as needed. Thanks to our Science Unit on Forces and Motion and Newton’s laws, we are learning how inertia and gravity impact the falling egg. We will have all containers and additional information displayed at the **Science Fair on Thursday, April 20 from 6-8 pm.** Please plan to attend for at least thirty minutes so students can present projects and see the work of other classes.

Writing poetry is our current writing unit and a welcome creative contrast to the formality of a Science Lab Report. The students like the creativity involved with the reading and sharing of poetry and we can use poetry to showcase knowledge in other curricular content areas such as Reading, Religion, and Science. For example, this week we read a biography of Rosa Parks and will write poems about her contribution to the Civil Rights Movement.

Students are taking the initiative to plot a course for reading during this phase of Literature Circles. It is great to see each group working toward a goal and learning how to do so within the constraints of a group dynamic. We meet on Thursdays the next two weeks, April 13 & 20, due to conflicts with our normal Friday routine. Thanks for helping keep your student on track.

Easter Blessings,

Mrs. Massmann

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