May 2, 2017

Dear Fifth Grader Families,

 We were consumed by poetry last week. We studied poetry devices such as imagery, rhyme scheme, assonance, and more and took this knowledge to complete a triangular poetry puzzle which was no easy task. We put the finishing touches on our poetry books which included ten original poems written by your student. A labor of love for sure but one in which I hope was meaningful. The completed books are included in the in this folder. Finally, we celebrated with Poem in your Pocket Day and Author’s breakfast on Thursday. This celebration gave each student the opportunity to read a poem to the class. Ask your student about the custom of snapping for appreciation. Our day ended with sidewalk poetry as each student wrote his/her favorite in chalk in front of the building.

 Congratulations to those students who performed at the Fine Arts Festival. Mrs. Dennen said the day was successful. Also thanks to those parents who helped transport students to Walther for an alternate Fine Arts experience. As you know, today we spent the morning at the Robert Crown Museum viewing the exhibit, “Life Begins.”

 Our last round of MAP testing occurs this week. Please help your student get a proper amount of sleep and hearty healthy breakfast so he/she can perform to the best of their abilities. Results will be shared at conference time on Thursday, May 18. A conference form is also included in this folder. Also at the conference appointment, folders for summer reading will be distributed.

This last month will be a busy one. Even though the weather (hopefully) warms and spring activities increase, we still have learning to do. Many of the topics lay the foundation for sixth grade knowledge so it’s important your children are here on time and focused. Thanks to your support at home.

Together in Chirst,

Mrs. Massmann