

May/June, 2010

Dear 6th Grade Parents,

This year has truly flown by! Below are brief descriptions of what your child will be learning in his/her classes from now until the end of the year. As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Thank you!

~Ms. Bergez

**English:** Students are still working in their unit on modifiers, which includes adjectives, adverbs, articles, and negatives. Students can expect a unit test on modifiers by mid- to late-May. For the rest of the month of May and the beginning of June,

**Reading:** Students have just started their last unit in Reading, which focuses on Poetry. For most of the month of May, students will read and learn about different poetic devices as well as types of poetry. Towards the end of May and what we can use of June, students may get the chance to look at some well-known Greek myths.

**Social Studies:** Students are currently working on a Chapter on India. This will continue for another week or two. Afterwards, students will take a brief look at the ancient civilization of Greece.

**Religion:** Students have just finished Chapter 9, which looked at the inception of Peter as the first head of the Catholic Church. Towards the end of May and the beginning of June, students will participate in an in-depth study of saints.

**Math:** The students start out the month working on measurement and geometry. They have been introduced to customary and metric units of measurement. They will also explore the types of angles and the use of a protractor to measure angles. Classification of triangles is also a focus of this chapter along with quadrilaterals. When this chapter is finished, we will be studying area, perimeter, and volume of various geometric figures. This should take us to the end of the school year.

**Science:** Students will be studying how a volcano is formed and what they are and what they are capable of. We will also be learning about where these volcanoes form and why they form in these particular areas. Look for directions that have up building our own volcanoes!

**Spelling/Vocabulary:** Students will be studying Vocabulary Units 12 and 13 and

Spelling Lessons 18 and 19.

Computers: For the first two weeks of May, students will be working on the Shield the Vulnerable program. For the remainder of the month, they will be working on their CYO Camp brochures brochure.

Just a Few Reminders:

1. I have noticed that many students are running out of classroom necessities, such as binder paper and pens. Please double-check with your child to see if he or she is running out of anything. Also, we are in desperate need of Kleenex donations. If you'd like to help supply the class with some tissue, please send what you can to school with your child.
2. Progress Reports come out Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Please check PowerSchool that afternoon!
3. Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, is our May Crowning celebration. Please join us for Mass at 11 a.m.
4. May 13<sup>th</sup> through May 15<sup>th</sup> is the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade play, "Beauty and the Beast." Make sure to buy your tickets soon!
5. May 17<sup>th</sup> through May 21<sup>st</sup> is Student Council Election Week. Please encourage your child to think about running for office. We need good, strong, junior high leaders for St. Gregory's next year!
6. Our Spring Music Concert is taking place Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. Please come join us for some great tunes!
7. There is no school on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> due to Memorial Day. Have a great three-day weekend!
8. Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, is our annual Field Day at 10 a.m. SCHOOLS OUT!!!! Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. Please feel free to join us for our last school Mass at 8:30 a.m. Have a wonderful summer, and I will see you next year!