

# The Greater Fifth Grader

Week Ending: 9/9/11

Hello Families!

The first week of 5<sup>th</sup> grade has come to an end. We have started off wonderfully and will let our momentum bring us in to next week. This newsletter will serve as a communicator to let you know exactly what we're doing in 5<sup>th</sup> grade from week to week.

The first day started with the creation of our "Hopes and Dreams" wall. The scholars came up with goals for themselves both academically and socially and ways that they might achieve these goals. These hopes and dreams are now posted beautifully in our classroom. The class also finished a "Time Capsule" project. A survey of their likes and dislikes, a self portrait, an outline of their hand and a string measuring their height were all placed in a manila folder which will be opened on the final day of school.

We have begun Readers Workshop with great success. Routines for independent reading were implemented and achieved by all the fifth grade scholars. From there we moved on to how readers choose their books and how to make those right choices. When you're scholar is reading at home make sure to ask if they are reading an "easy" book, a "just-right" book or a "challenging" book.

We started Writers Workshop by getting acquainted with our Writers Notebooks. We've begun collecting lists of things important to us and writing reflections based on those lists. Sharing our reflections has been a wonderful tool on getting to know each other.

In Math we've begun to review some of the skills acquired over the scholars 4<sup>th</sup> grade year so we can dive into the exciting 5<sup>th</sup> grade math curriculum as soon as possible.

The transition from 4<sup>th</sup> grade to 5<sup>th</sup> grade has been great so far and we've been able to build a safe, learning community in no time. Please be aware of the upcoming events for next week. I've enjoyed so much getting to know this years 5th grade and look forward to the upcoming year we have together! As always if you have any questions or comments please email or call at your convenience.

Also, THANK YOU to those families who donated tissues, paper towels, etc.

Mr. Williams

Gwilliams@missiongrammar.org

## Important Events

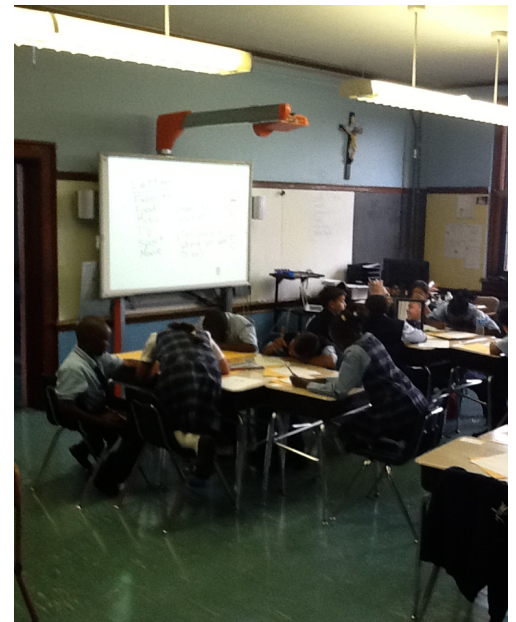
9/13 - First whole school mass

9/14 - First day of Gym

9/15 - Picture Day (Scholars may come out of uniform)

9/16 - Professional Day - No School

9/17 - First day of tutoring



Scholars working with our interactive Promethean board!