



Noonan Elementary
Academy of Fort Myers

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5th Grade Newsletter
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Virtue: Fortitude

Proverb: When the going gets tough, the tough get going.

Saint: Saint Patrick

Scripture: God is charity; and he that abideth in charity abideth in God, and God in him (1 John 4:16)

I am pleased to introduce myself as your child's new religion teacher. I am a Lector, Catechist and Eucharistic Minister at Blessed Pope John XXIII. It gives me great pleasure to assist Dr. Noonan as she was kind enough to allow my beloved parish to begin in her gym eight years ago. I completed my undergraduate studies at Saint. Thomas Aquinas College and minored in secondary education. While living in New York I had my 7-12th certification to teach history. I also earned my graduate degree from Fordham University in Social Work. I look forward teaching my faith and to getting to know your children.

God Bless,

Mrs. Millan LMSW

Vocabulary: prosaic- unimaginative; dull.
fulminate- to denounce loudly and forcefully; to explode.

Character Education: We have been discussing why "Honesty" is important and how being honest and/or dishonest can affect oneself and those around them.

Mr. Henderson

The Fifth and Sixth grade Character Education classes are focusing on respect and responsibility. The Six Pillars of Character include honesty, trust, respect, citizenship, responsibility, and caring. We have focused on citizenship and the responsibility both in the classroom and in our

government. We will look at our Constitution and our responsibility earned through this historic piece. We learned how many great leaders of our country use our Pillars in Character Education for improving the world around us. Students are learning how these Pillars fit into their daily lives to be lived.

Mrs. Gedra

Science: In Chapter 6, we will look at “Protecting Earth’s Resources by studying minerals and rocks, soil, fossils and energy. Students will “SMILE” as they learn about the rock cycle: sedimentary, metamorphic, and igneous. They will look at rocks and fossils in class. The students will also look at ways to conserve energy and use it more efficiently and wisely. Students will next study “Weather and Space” as we blast off through many educational activities.

Mrs. Gedra

Science Fair Notes: The students should be getting their Science Fair boards and putting them together. They have paperwork explaining how to properly place their materials on the board. Students also should be finishing their research papers in computer lab. Boards are already coming in and are due at the end of the month along with their research paper. Please do not wait until the last minute. Three of our students won the Edison Regional Science Fair and two received Florida Gulf Coast Summer Research scholarships. Great first year!

Mrs. Gedra

Social Studies: Students will be studying various wars and their outcomes. They will look at the Battle of Gettysburg and the Gettysburg Address. In addition to the textbook, they will be doing research papers and a presentation to the class about this. Students will also learn great details about the United States Constitution, including the Preamble, the Bill of Rights, and the Articles. Students will learn about Emancipation Proclamation and the Civil War. Students will be finding out if their grandparents were a “Billy Yank” or a “Johnny Reb”. The Civil War was an important part of our history. We will also be taking a field trip to the Holocaust Museum on Wednesday, March 31 in Naples.

Mrs. Gedra

Math: The 5th grade is starting to rebound on our weekly averages. Way to go and keep up the good work! Remember, at this point in the year you should be earning at least a 16/20. We have just begun our introduction to Chapter 10: *Geometry*...look for mini-quizzes every Thursday. No bonus question this month, however, if you can tell me **a)** What is the best thing you have learned this year in math class? and **b)** What other concept(s) would you like to learn? you can earn two homework passes just for emailing me those answers at shenderson@noonanacademy.com.

Mr. Henderson

Reading

The transition has gone smoothly! I will be adding a Comprehension skills worksheet that the students will do weekly. It will be counted as a quiz grade. Testing will continue as before unless I feel that it is in the best interest of the students to delay a day or two. Their book reports are due on March 10th! The next book report will be either a biography or a travel book. The students will

dress up as a famous person or "pack" their bags and take the class on a trip to a new country. These will be oral reports. Please contact me with any concerns that you may have.

Mrs. Ehler 

5th Grade English

The students are working on writing a 5-paragraph essay. They continue to work on capitalization and punctuation. They also will diagram sentences.

Mrs. Ehler 

Vocabulary & Spelling: The 5th and 6th grade students will be doing vocabulary exercises in the Worldly Wise books and the Everyday Spelling books. They will alternate between these two. There will be additional 5th grade vocabulary words that students will be expected to know from the Word Wall in class. We will be using these words at school throughout each week. We will have a Spelling Bee at the end of the year.

Mrs. Gedra

Music: Everyone is getting revved up for the Spring Musical! We'll be practicing lines, dancing and singing in class this month. All students should be practicing their lines with parents at home.

Mrs. Schroeder

Art: Students are working on graphic design projects this month. We'll pay close attention to shape, line, balance, and organization.

Mrs. Schroeder

Physical Education: We begin the dance unit for the month of March. Students will focus especially on coordination, rhythmic accuracy and the ability to repeat a group of motions in a sequence.

Mrs. Schroeder

Spanish: We completed the unit called *Donde Vives* (Where do you live?). In the next unit *El tiempo y geografía* (Weather and Geography), we will look at where many Spanish speakers live. We will also focus on identifying the months of the year, the seasons, weather conditions, and geography terms.

Mrs. Piper

Student of the Month:

Alana and Joey

Notes

Return signed progress reports.

Remember to turn in Yearbook forms with money.

If you get the News Press, please allow students to bring in and share a current event with their fellow classmates on Monday. There is a current event board in my classroom for display.

March 9- Family Night Book Fair Snack and Shop (after school until 6:30 pm) and Open House (6-9:30 p.m.). Book Fair will also be offered all this week at school.

March 10- Optional Spring Pictures- Casual Dress

March 17- St. Patrick's Day

March 22-26 Stanford Testing

March 31 5th-8th grade field trip to the Holocaust Museum- casual dress-bring money for lunch at Wendy's- gone 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

March 31 Science Fair Boards and reports due.