## 5解 Gade

## Look Out For these Dates

We have tomorrow, Friday
August $24^{\text {th }}$, off!

We have next Friday,
August 31 off!

We have Monday, september 3 off!

NWEA opens Monday, september $17^{\text {th }}$.

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MONDAY SEPTEMBER $17^{\text {th }}$ OFF!


# First Week of School 

WE FINISHED OUR FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL!

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It has been a wonderful week getting to know your children. This week our focus was centered on classroom rules and procedures. The students are getting use to me, my somewhat louder than usual voice and my high expectations.

We had the opportunity to create our classroom rules together by discussing things that were important to all of us as well as things that would support our learning. We also discussed our classroom economy. Students applied for jobs this week and discovered what position they received on Thursday. Students will earn money through the use of our economy for personal and classroom rewards/auctions.

Students were given the choice between being a member in the school choir or a Kindergarten Buddy. The choir will sing for Mass next week. Our Kindergarten Buddies will meet each other for the first time next week as well!

The ability to work as a team, problem solve through listening and learning, and following directions are important skills for fifth grade students. We were able to work on and began to development these skills through some fun activities this week. Students enjoyed playing indoor baseball and tried to beat Wacky World Records. Please ask them to share their experiences with you during one of your dinners this week. They were a lot of fun.

Fifth grade is such a wonderful transitional year for children. They begin to see themselves as, "almost middle schoolers" and begin to try to find a bit of independence. I will do my very best to support your children in their growth academically, spiritually and emotionally here at school. I encourage you to contact me with any questions you may have so that we can work together.

Heads UP! Mass is on Thursday at 10:30 am.

Our classroom can be a little chílly, so students are recommended to bring a saint Mary sweater to keep them warm.

Next week, students wíll get their Saint Mary email. This account is to only be used for school purposes. We wíll also discuss
chromebook use in the classroom.

The school day ends at 3:35pm. If your child is not riding the bus or walking, they must be picked up in carlíne.

Any student not picked up by
3:50pm wíll be sent to child care.

