

# Upper Grade News

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## Math Corner

The end of the school year is definitely in sight. It has been an interesting year. There have been many joys and also some sorrows. Some students continue to work hard right up to the end, while others have “checked out” a while back.

I thank you for entrusting your precious child to us. Continue to “talk math” at home, on your vacation trip or where ever you may be. Math is certainly all around us. Please help me to drive that point home. Thank you for all your love, support and encouragement during this past year. May God continue to bless your family.

## Science

6<sup>th</sup> grade will finish out the year by looking at the oceans, its salt content, temperature and what that means for the ocean water and the life in the sea.

7<sup>th</sup> grade is into the atmosphere and the weather. We are also trying to get our last chemistry lab written up and explain what we saw happen. Believe it or not, some of us got silver to collect on the objects in our test tube.

8<sup>th</sup> grade finished the invertebrates and are moving on to the vertebrates and the dissection of the frog, our last activity before our class trip.

## SOCIAL STUDIES

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies has been finishing up the year by covering the American economy and how it is important in our lives. This final week will see us reviewing some of the history of the American westward expansion along with the development of the use of the automobile in our country.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies is closing out the study of the Great Depression and the “New Deal” along with the “Dirty Thirties” and how our country was able to recover from such adversity.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies has been focused on the early development of the Germanic people in Europe and how that fits into the history of many of our families.

### *Chapel offerings:*

May 12 Seminary Support  
May 18 General Mission Fund

## *Dates to Remember*

May 17 Eighth Grade Field Trip  
May 18 No School; Teacher Work Day  
May 19 11:45 Dismissal  
7:00 P.M. Graduation Service

## Reading/Literature

Grade 6 is finishing the novel entitled *The Cay*. This historical fiction writing is set in the Caribbean during World War II. It is an exciting, moving adventure story about growing up and surviving.

Grade 7 will finish the year with two historical documents. One is based on recording history and the other is a teleplay. Literary elements include figurative language and the components of a teleplay. The skills topics are clarifying and predicting.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade is finishing with several selections of persuasive writing. Along with distinguishing fact from opinion, they will continue identifying various types of persuasive appeals, looking for author’s bias, and checking for faulty reasoning.

## Language

The end is definitely in sight! All three grades will wrap up diagramming this week and do a few more things with word origins, prefixes, suffixes, etc. There’s also a good possibility that each grade will have a brief quiz on Friday, covering an “assortment” of topics. Hint: it will pay to listen in class before that.

Accelerated Reading is winding down as well. Eighth Grade’s last day to test is Monday, the 10<sup>th</sup>, while 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> can still test on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Quite a few students have already reached their goal, or they’re very close.

*As we prepare to celebrate Jesus’ Ascension this Thursday, we are reminded to always be ready for His return. May the Holy Spirit continue to keep us faithful until we receive the crown of life.*