



# Monthly Classroom Highlights

St. Joseph School

School Year 2007—2008

## Featured Grades of the Month: Fifth & Sixth Grade



### Fifth Grade

#### Upcoming Academic Highlights:

\*In a **Social Studies** workshop, the students constructed an Indian home which portrayed how the Indians lived. They will also be reading a biography or auto-biography of their choice, and they will present the character from their book in a live wax museum. All classes will visit the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade to guess their character portrayals.

\*The Fifth Grade **Literature** class reads a book a month in class or on their own. Some books they have read are: "Holes", "Dear Mr. Henshaw", and they read a Christmas story called "Family Under the Bridge" in December. Upcoming stories are "Hatchet" and "Brian's Winter".

\*In **History**, students completed a report about an explorer and presented it to the class. They will also be making a mural of the colonial homes and the homes built by the Spanish in the 1600's and 1700's.

\*The Fifth-grade **Science** class studied life cycles and a study of mealworms. They will be observing the various stages of development with live specimens.

\*Two Fifth-grade students will be chosen from the class **spelling** bee, to compete in the Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee & the town-wide spelling bee.

\*The **Dare** program will begin in January. It is presented by the Bristol Police Dept. to teach the children about the dangers of drugs & alcohol, and how to cope with peer pressure.

#### Field Trips Scheduled:

The class will attend the play, "Freedom Train", the Harriet Tubman Story.

**Spring 2008:** The students will tour Old Sturbridge Village and attend a one-hour workshop.



### Sixth Grade

#### Upcoming Academic Highlights:

\*In **Literature**, the Sixth Grade reads a book a month and completes a creative report to share with the class. In December, students read a mystery novel.

\***Science** class entails working with plants and seed germination. Later in the year, the sixth grade will be dissecting owl pellets.

\*In **Math**, the students are working with fractions and decimals. Algebra will also be introduced.

\*The Sixth grade **Religion** class is studying the Old Testament. In December, they also attended confession as a class.

\*In **Social Studies**, the students are studying the Greek and the Romans.

#### Field Trips Scheduled:

**October 2007:** The Fifth Grade went to a corn maze in the fall. The students had to solve puzzles and answer questions about the history of Connecticut's waterways to complete the maze.

**January 2008:** Students will visit the Bristol Water Treatment Plant. They will learn about Bristol's drinking water and the process it goes through to become sanitized.

## Next Month's Featured Grade: Fourth Grade

