

## October 2019

Dear Families:

It's hard to believe that the first month of our school year is already gone! We have been busy getting to know each other, discussing our rules and procedures, and getting used to our academic curriculum. I think it's safe to say that we're off to a great start, and I'm looking forward to the rest of the school year!

We begin each day with our Religious instruction, using our "Good News" curriculum. Good News is a publication from Plaum Faith Formation Program and adheres to the Gospel Lessons that are a regular part of the Church calendar. We will talk about God's beautiful creation and our responsibilities for it, God's promise to us, and God's Word.

In Language Arts, we're working hard on our new curriculum, "myView" from Pearson. Each unit focuses on a particular genre of literature, such as Traditional Tales, Biographies, or Historical Fiction (to name just a few.) We are also working on our English skills, such as reviewing parts of the sentence, in order to become better writers.

In Math, we're just finishing our first unit, which was largely a review of last year's skills. I'm excited to keep moving forward with new concepts such as more complex addition and subtraction skills, along with Multiplication strategies.

Our Social Studies and Science curricula is called "Studies Weekly." You may have seen the newspaper-like lessons that come home with your student. So far, I'm quite pleased with the format, as it makes it possible to more completely cover our state academic standards.

I look forward to a great year of learning and exploration!

All the Best,

Mr. Chris Dahle