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Dear Sixth Grade Families,

Your children's enthusiasm for learning is wonderful. The energy they bring to the classroom is invigorating! They did a great job with the Scientific Method labs we conducted over the past few weeks. Their questions led to more hypothesizing and it was a thrill to watch them re-do their experiments as they recorded their results. They are learning that there are steps to solving problems...not only in Science, but in life!

Some things that are happening in the next two weeks include:

Tuesday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> – grades 5 and 6 will be traveling to The Fulton Opera House to watch OKLAHOMA. The permission slip should have come home and it needs to be returned by Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is a gym day but the children should wear their regular uniform, not gym uniforms. They are also asked to pack their lunches and we will eat lunch when we return to school.

Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> – No School. The teachers have the Diocesan Education Conference that day.

Sunday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday Sept 30<sup>th</sup> – Eucharistic Devotions at Holy Trinity Church. We will be visiting the Blessed Sacrament during our Religion time.

Wednesday October 1<sup>st</sup> – Winter uniform in effect.

Rosary is said every Wednesday after school in Holy Trinity Church. Sister Anna has been leading the children in this for a long time now. I encourage the students to go but I know that transportation sometimes causes problems.

SCIENCE – We are finishing a written report for the Pendulum lab the students completed last week. I am using this for their assessment of the Scientific Method because they had to use all of the steps and incorporate all of the vocabulary.

Our next topic will be Force and Motion and we will 'hang out' with Sir Isaac Newton and his Laws of Motion. There are a lot of fun activities to help the students understand the laws as well as the new vocabulary in this section.

RELIGION - We are in the process of finishing Chapter one and will move on to Chapter two. The assessments for Religion are the reviews in the book as well as various

classroom activities. We will be spending time with the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Trinity Church on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup>.

ILA – The students are doing a marvelous job with their reading journals. I enjoy reading and responding to their letters. Due to the Education Conference on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup>, journals that are normally due on this day can be handed in on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> or Friday the 26<sup>th</sup>. This is the only time a journal may be handed in on a day other than the assigned day.

The students have chosen their Book club novel and they will begin meeting with their club on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. All of the books are realistic fiction and will tie into their realistic fiction writing piece that they are working on. This book does not take the place of their self-chosen book. They must always have a book that they choose to read.

The students have generated a vocabulary list from the book I am reading to them. They should be reviewing the definitions as well as practicing using the words. Right now I will say to expect a quiz on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup>, but that could change.

As always, thank you for all you do for Our Lady of the Angels School. My job would be impossible to do without you! Please keep us in your prayers as you are always in ours.

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