

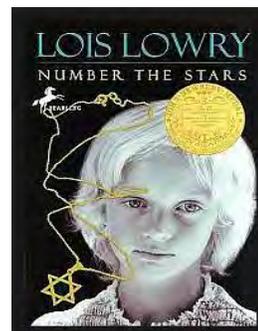
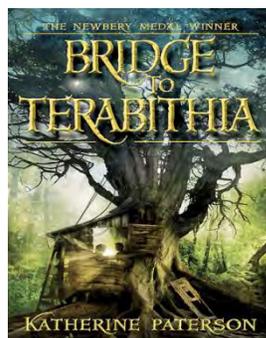
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High Five for Grade Five



My name is Mia Tipton, and I am currently in my third year as a teacher here at St. Peter's, and my first as the Intermediate Language Arts Teacher. I am a graduate of Christendom College, certified through Washington, DC. My own children are products of St. Peter's education, 3 being graduates and 1 more currently attending. I enjoy innovation. Integrating many types of technology into the curriculum as well as project-based learning, is a wonderful way to make learning fun but "real world". 5th grade is a great year to transition into new and exciting things, while preparing for the move to Middle School.

5th Reading: We have enjoyed reading the novels, *Hound Dog True* and *Number the Stars*, throughout the past 2 quarters. The class participated in many fun activities related to the novels, including a group webquest on the Holocaust, literary circles and letters from characters in the novels. A highlight of our studies was watching the movie, *The Boy in Striped Pajamas*, in which the students felt the actual effects of the holocaust and all it entailed. As we look forward to the 4th quarter, we will be enjoying the *Bridge to Terabithia*.



4th Reading: The class has been reading *Because of Winn Dixie* and engaging in fun activities to truly encompass themselves in the novel. Some of the activities include a team summarizing competition, cause/effect partner charts, and an upcoming group project to culminate our studies.



3rd Reading: 3rd Graders have read their first class novel for the year, *Third Grade Angels*. Reading and discussing the novel was a joy for the class, and they are completing group kamishibai presentations to share their versions of the story with their classmates. They have eagerly asked to continue the series during the next quarter, reading *Fourth Grade Rats*.



English/Writing 3-4-5

In English classes, both 4th and 5th grades have studied adjectives and verbs, and are now working on the intricate world of adverbs and prepositions. They will continue their studies into the 4th quarter with pronouns and mechanics of grammar. Both classes continue weekly spelling and vocabulary activities. 3rd Grade is finishing up their studies on Verbs and, also, to continue practicing weekly spelling lists.

For writing components, 5th Grade has worked on comparison/contrast essays, research reports, and opinion/persuasive writing features. They are completing Odes to Green for a St. Paddy's day display. 4th Grade are completing a detailed book report with matching puppets made in Art class, and 3rd grade has learned to write cinquains and character descriptions.

