

Parent Newsletter  
7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
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Religion

We have completed our study of Pentecost. Next we will look at the Church today and the sacrament of Confirmation. The Holy Spirit is giving us guidance, as He did to the first apostles at Pentecost.

Literature

We have been reading non-fiction; one selection was about a huge earthquake in Alaska, and the other was about a family that survived on the open sea. Next we will read some of the Greek myths.

Language Arts

In 7<sup>th</sup> grade, we are studying about punctuation. So far we have covered the use of periods, question marks, exclamation points, commas, colons and semicolons. Next we will study quotation marks and underlining. There are many rules governing the use of punctuation so it is a lot to remember.

In 8<sup>th</sup> grade, we have been writing a “novel”. Each student has been given eighteen different situations for the characters in the story. They have written their rough drafts and are now typing the second draft. It is exciting for me to see the students using all the grammar they have learned!

Social Studies

The students have become the teachers! The students were divided into groups and assigned a different section of a chapter to ‘teach’ to the rest of the class. They have been busy making visual aids and worksheets or crossword puzzles. Next they will present their section, assign the homework and correct it.