

# CLASSROOM NEWS

Mrs. Smith's  
3rd Grade

week of: Dec. 4th - 8th

## IB Attribute of the Month: Communicators

**Religion:** We are in the middle of Ch. 6 Pray Always. We will also spend time each day in prayer and reflection during the season of Advent.

## Star Student

Week of 11/27

Emma

## 3rd Grade ELA

**Language Arts:** We have begun learning about informational writing in preparation for writing our weather report in our IB unit. Students are also learning about simple, complex and compound sentences to help them with fluency in their writing.

**Cursive:** We have begun the 3rd set of cursive letters.

**Reading:** We will be taking a break from "The Cas of the Gasping Garbage" until after Christmas break. For the next two weeks, I will be using Christmas books to work on story mapping, characters, writing summaries and comparing and contrasting. We will also use some of our reading time to give the children time to read about their chosen "Extreme Weather" and take notes.

**Spelling:** We will have a Spelling list this week for the children to work with but because of the craziness of the week before break with the Christmas pageant practices, family caroling practices, advent prayer services, and classroom parties, we will not have spelling the week of Dec. 10-15.

## Upcoming Events

- Dec. 6 Optional Student confessions
- Dec. 8 Report Cards  
Mass -Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- Dec. 13 Christmas Pageant 6:30-7:30
- Dec. 14 Homeroom Christmas party and book exchange
- Dec. 15 Noon Dismissal/ Free Dress Day Caroling Competition

## IB Unit of Inquiry Weather

We have started our new IB unit-**Sharing the Planet**, which looks at our science standards on weather. Our central idea for this unit is *Weather patterns influence the ways we live.*

This week we will be learning about meteorologists and the tools they use to tell weather. The children will be creating a weather station to keep both in the classroom and set up outside. Then they are going to learn about and then research extreme weather and write a weather report about one of the extreme weathers.

Starting next week, they will be rotating through weather centers. At these weather centers they will be learning about clouds, the water cycle, precipitation, floods/lightning, and predicting weather.

A couple of days during ELA, the children will be reading and researching about their chosen "extreme weather" and take notes to use on their weather report.

While the major of the work being done for this unit is in classroom work, we will be using google classroom. The classroom code for this unit is **xfh101**. If your child has difficulty getting on their Google classroom at home please let me know.

**Remember they must be on their St. Luke school google account.**

