

CLASSROOM NEWS

Mrs.
Smith's
3rd Grade

week of: Nov. 27th-Dec. 1st

IB Attribute of the Month: Inquirers

Religion: We are finishing up Ch. 5 and will begin Ch. 6. 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 are reading "The Case of the Gasping Garbage" We will be working on understanding characters' traits and actions and how they affect events in a story, looking at story elements (characters, settings, and main events) and using temporal words or phrases. We will spend time during ELA class reading and doing research on our extreme weather topic.

Spelling: The children will be bringing home a new spelling list Monday. Check for the list in their binder. They should continue completing spelling job for homework as a way to prepare for the spelling tests on Friday.

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 1 end of trimester
- 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 Christmas party and book exchange
- Dec. 15 Noon Dismissal/ Free Dress Day Caroling
Competition

Dear Parents,

It was great seeing all of you at conferences! Your children did a fabulous job telling you about their goals and how they are going to reach those goals.

I will be sending home an information email soon about our Christmas party and the book exchange we will have on Thursday, Dec. 14th.

Thanks so much for your continued support!

Susan Smith

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.

While the majority of the work being done for this unit is in class work, we will be using google classroom. The classroom code for this unit is **xfhd101**. 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.

