

CLASSROOM NEWS

Mrs. Smith's
3rd Grade

week of: Jan. 15th - 19th

IB Attribute of the Month: Principled

Dear Families,
I hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing long weekend. We have a short week but lots of things are going on. We had some issues taking the MAPS test last Wednesday so we have the **math** MAPS test to take tomorrow morning. We have a guest speaker (M.J. McDermott from channel 13) coming in and to talk to the children about weather this Wednesday. Friday is the power of one anti bullying assembly. Parents are welcome to attend.

Many Blessings,

Susan Smith

3rd Grade ELA

Language Arts: We will spend this week introducing Opinion writing and learning how to take notes and paraphrase an author's words.

Cursive: We will finish up the 3rd set of letters this week.

Reading: For the next few weeks the children will be focusing on nonfiction texts. We will be working on comprehension skills and text features. The children have been put into pairs or groups of three to locate the text features, take pictures, and then eventually create a book to display their findings.

Spelling: Spelling words were introduced last week. Due to MAPS testing their test will be this Thursday Jan. 19th

Upcoming Events

- 1/16 - **MAPS testing**
- 1/17 - Guest Speaker M.J. McDermott
- 1/19 - Assembly-Power of One-anti-bullying
- 1/20 - Trivia Night
- 1/26 - FREE DRESS
- 1/29 - 2/2 - Catholic Schools Week
- 1/30 - Dance Unit Performance in gym 6:30PM
- 1/31 - ALL SCHOOL MASS - Feast of St. John Bosco
- 2/1 - 2/3 Honk! School Musical
- 2/2 - Progress Reports

IB Unit of Inquiry Weather

We are continuing our 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.

Students worked hard in their groups last week on their water cycle projects and they will be finished and presented this week.

Students have chosen an extreme type of weather to research and write a meteorology report about. They will be learning important research and note taking skills along with how to write a research report. Most of this work will be completed in class, however, some students may wish to find additional research materials from the library or internet research at home.

We have a wonderful opportunity to have a local meteorologist come and talk with our students. She will be here next week January 17th.

Besides our extreme weather reports, the children will be learning about "Why are some places always hot?" and create a climate decoder. Then "How can you keep a house from blowing away in a windstorm?" where they will design a windproof house.

Religion

Chapter 8:" Jesus' Sacrifice
Chapter 8 looks at the Paschal Mystery and how we make sacrifices in our lives.

