

# CLASSROOM NEWS

Mrs. Smith's  
3rd Grade

week of: Jan. 22nd- 26th

## IB Attribute of the Month: Principled

Dear Families,

We had a powerful anti-bullying assembly on Friday. It taught students how to report and deal with bullying when they see it. They learned to always "TELL THE TEACHER" when anything happens. It also showed them that if they do not act when they see bullying happening, that they are a bystander and are as guilty as the bullies. The program ultimately taught them that each one of them can make a difference, that they have the "power of one". We have a busy week ahead, preparing for Catholic Schools week that starts next Sunday. I look forward to seeing all of you at Open House after masses next Sunday.

Many Blessings,

Susan Smith

## 3rd Grade ELA

**Language Arts:** Students will be drafting their opinion paragraphs this week about "The Best Part of Me".

**Spelling:** Spelling packets will be handed out on Monday. The children should complete one spelling job a night as a way to study for the test on Friday.

**Cursive:** We will be learning r and s 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 in nonfiction books. They are taking pictures, and then creating collage pages using the app Pic collage. Finally, these pages will be used to create a book to display their findings.

## Upcoming Events

- 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
- 2/14 - Ash Wednesday
- 2/16 & 2/19 No School President's Day Holiday

## IB Unit of Inquiry Weather

We are finishing up 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 have finished their mini water cycle projects and will be presenting them this week. We will begin working on our Extreme Weather reports in ELA next week. 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.

We are looking forward to beginning a new IB Unit of Study in the coming weeks. More information will be coming home soon.

## Religion

### Chapter 8: "Jesus' Sacrifice"

Chapter 8 looks at the Paschal Mystery and how we make sacrifices in our lives.

