

CLASSROOM NEWS

Mrs. Smith's
3rd Grade

week of: Jan. 29th-Feb. 2nd

IB Attribute of the Month: Principled

Dear Families,
Catholic Schools Week started off with a great Open House Sunday. I hope you were able to attend and see the wonderful things your children have been doing in class.

This year Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday fall on the same day. Father Brad has asked that we move our Valentine's Day Party to Tuesday the 13th. The parties will be in homerooms. Information about the party and sending Valentines will be coming home soon.

Many Blessings,
Susan Smith

3rd Grade ELA

Language Arts: We will continue working on writing opinion/persuasive paragraphs. Also this week, we will begin researching and taking notes on our extreme weather report.

Spelling: Spelling words will be passed out on Monday. The children should complete one spelling job a night and turn in for Class Dojo points.

Reading: This week we will be returning to our fiction book, "The Case of the Gasping Garbage". We will, however, also continue working on our nonfiction text features and comprehension skills.

Upcoming Events

- 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.

Last week the children focused on locating the weather around the world and constructed world maps. This week our focus is "How can you keep a house from blowing away in a windstorm?" where they will design a windproof house. The inquiry will be for the children to decide on the best construction shape to withstand the power of wind.

The formative assessment (extreme weather reports) are being worked on during ELA time.

We will begin our next IB unit in the next week or so.

Transdisciplinary theme: **Who we are**

Central idea: **Regions are formed based on shared characteristics.**

Watch for the parent letter coming soon!

Religion

Chapter 8: "Jesus' Sacrifice"

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

