

# CLASSROOM NEWS

Mrs. Smith's  
3rd Grade

week of: Jan. 8th - 12th

## IB Attribute of the Month: Principled

Dear Families,

Happy New Year! We had a great first week of 2018! Students came back relaxed, energized and ready to learn. We have a busy month of learning ahead. Check the upcoming events so you can keep up with our busy schedule of MAPS testing, mass, assembly, and guest speaker. A special thank you to the Locke family for arranging a guest speaker (M.J. McDermott from channel 13) to come in and talk to the children about weather.

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:** No spelling test this week due to MAPS testing Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The children will have their test on the words introduced Tuesday Jan. 9th on Thursday, Jan. 18th.

## Upcoming Events

1/08 - PYP parent presentation @6:30 in our room

1/10-1/12 MAPS testing

1/12 - Bingo Bash

1/15 - Martin Luther King Holiday

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

## IB Unit of Inquiry Weather

We are loving 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.*

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.

Last week we learned about the water cycle. On Friday, students working in groups came up with a plan to create a mini project to share their understanding of the water cycle. Each group has chosen how they want to present this to the class and will spend this week in class putting together their projects. . Some of your children may come home and ask for supplies they may need to create their project. We will present them next week.

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

**Religion** - We will be finishing Up Chapter 7 this week.

