

Mrs. Sheehan's Classroom News

4th Grade

Jan. 15-19

IB Theme: Principled



This Week's Learning Fourth Grade ELA

Spelling: The students received their spelling words last week and should be completing spelling homework and studying for the spelling test on those words that will be given on Friday, Jan. 19th.

Reading: The children will be continuing to focus on nonfiction texts. We will be working on comprehension skills and text features. Each child is creating a Nonfiction lap book about themselves.

Writing: Students are learning how to expand their opinion writing into multiple paragraphs. We will also be reviewing how to research, take notes and paraphrase an author's words in order to be prepared for our extreme weather report.

Cursive: Each week the children will review letter form, slant, and size of their cursive letters. This week, we are focusing on Pp and Qq

Religion

Chapter 8: "Jesus' Sacrifice"

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

Up Coming Events:

- 1/15 – Martin Luther King Holiday
- 1/16 **MAPS testing**
- 1/17- Guest speaker M.J. McDermott 1-1:40
- 1/19- Assembly: Power of One- anti-bullying assembly
- 1/20 – Trivia Night
- 1/26 – FREE DRESS
- 1/28 Open House after Masses
- 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 School Musical
- 2/2 Progress Reports

Star Student

- Jan. 15-19 Elijah Ralls
- Jan. 22-26 Zachary Boucek
- Feb. 5-9 Matthew Spridis

Information and the sheets pertaining to star student are available at any time. They are located below the "I Wonder" bulletin board.

Dear Parents,

This is a short week of school but a lot is packed into it!

Open House for Catholic Schools Week is after masses on Jan. 28th. The children have created beautiful Northern Light Art pictures, water cycle projects, and are working on nonfiction lap books about themselves and opinion writing pieces. All of these will be on display for you to see.

We had some issues taking the MAPS test last Wednesday so we have the **math** MAPS test to take tomorrow morning.

Again 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 this Wednesday.

Mrs. Valerie Sheehan



IB unit of Study

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 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.

