

Mrs. Sheehan's Classroom News

4th Grade

Jan. 22-26

IB Theme: Principled

This Week's Learning Fourth Grade ELA

Spelling: Spelling words will be passed out on Monday. The children should practice their words using the ideas on the Spelling contract sheet (what works for them) and then turn the homework for Class Dojo points.

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 will be drafting their opinion essays this week, working on expanding their writing into multiple paragraphs.

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:

- 1/26 – FREE DRESS/Friday morning mass (8:40 heading to church)
- 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
- 2/5 Magazine Sale Begins (Assembly 8:45)
Global Reading Challenge (1:30-2:30)
- 2/14 Valentine's Day

Star Student

- Jan. 22-26 Zachary Boucek
- Feb. 5-9 Matthew Spridis
- Feb. 12-16 Josh Gurney
- Feb. 26-Mar. 2 Ezra Maul

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

Dear Parents,

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.

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.

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 children will build, revise, and critique their structure.