

Mrs. Sheehan's Classroom News

4th Grade

Jan. 8-12

IB Theme: Principled



This Week's Learning Fourth Grade ELA

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

Reading: For the next few weeks the children will be focusing 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 Nn and Oo

Religion

Chapter 7 : "The Good News"

Chapter 7 looks at how we share God's news and focuses on Parables. We will be finishing up this chapter on Friday.

Up Coming Events:

- 1/08 - PYP parent presentation @6:30 in Mrs. Smith's room
- 1/08- School Family time/Mass Baptism of Jesus
- 1/10-1/12 MAPS testing
- 1/12 - Bingo Bash
- 1/15 - Martin Luther King Holiday
- 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
- 1/29 - 2/2 - Catholic Schools Week
- 1/30 - Dance Unit Performance in gym 6:30PM
- 1/31 - ALL SCHOOL MASS - Feast of St. John Bosco

Star Student

Jan. 15-19

Elijah Ralls

Jan. 22-26

Zachary Boucek

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 have plunged right into 2018 with group mini water cycle projects and the creation of non-fiction text feature lap books about each student. Wow, things are just hopping in our classroom.

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.

Mrs. Valerie Sheehan



IB unit of Study

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. The students worked in groups to come up with a plan to create a mini projects to share their understanding of the water cycle. Each group has chosen a couple of ways that they'd like to present their knowledge with the class. They worked on these projects two days last week and hope to have them finished up by the end of the day Monday.

We have a wonderful opportunity to have a local meteorologist come and talk with our students. She will be here next week January 17th.

