

# CLASSROOM NEWS

Mrs. Smith's  
3rd Grade

## week of: February 26th-March 2nd

### IB Attribute of the Month: Open-Minded

Dear Parents,

If you haven't gotten your registration for next year in yet be sure to send it in next week. If you are not planning on returning we would also like to receive the form just mark the appropriate spot.

Thanks,  
Susan Smith

### 3rd Grade ELA

**Language Arts:** Students will be drafting their reports this week. We hope to have them finished by the end of the week.

**Spelling:** Spelling words will be passed out on Monday. The children should practice their words using the ideas on the Spelling Contract Sheet or the Spelling Jobs packet that is sent home. They can turn in homework for Class dojo points. Test is on Friday.

**Reading:** The children are continuing to read "The Case of the Gasping Garbage", completing vocabulary, comprehension, and other activities as they read. These are being collected in their Reading Journal.

### Upcoming Events

- 3/5 **Lenten food drive begins-** I will let you know what 3rd grade brings.
- 3/8 **3rd Grade Jump Rope for Heart day.**
- 3/9 **3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade field trip to see "Frindle"**

### IB Unit of Inquiry

Transdisciplinary theme: **Who we are**  
Central idea: **Regions are formed based on shared characteristics.**

We are continuing our unit on *Regions are formed based on shared Characteristics*. This week we will be learning about Mexico and Canada. We will do a little reading on each country and then complete a venn diagram comparing the two countries. From there we will be moving on to learning about the United States. The first thing we will be doing is looking at a Physical map of the United States and a map with the outline of the 50 states. We will see if the children can name any of the states and find where they are located on the map. We will be discussing if there are natural borders that separate the states and naming them as we go. An app that we will be using to learn the 50 states and where they are located is called *Stack the States*. When we finish the unit I will be challenging the students to be able to place all fifty states in their correct place on a map so the more practice at home on the states the better.

### Religion

Each Wednesday during Lent we are attending mass. At these masses, we are focusing on a virtue and a Saint that exemplifies the virtue. This week's virtue is forgiveness. As well as the virtues, we are continuing on to Unit 4 in our Religion book. Ch. 10 looks at Church Leaders.

