

CLASSROOM NEWS

Mrs. Smith's
3rd Grade

week of: **March 12th - 16th**

IB Attribute of the Month: Risk Takers

Dear Parents,

There will be **NO SCHOOL** on **Friday March 16th** due to a teacher inservice day. The trimester ends Thursday March 15th. If your child has been working on completing any incomplete or missing assignments, they are due no later than Thursday.

Thanks,
Susan Smith

3rd Grade ELA

Language Arts: We are learning about figurative language. Specifically similes and metaphors. We will be writing an I am poem using similes and metaphors.

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 Thursday, March 15th because of Teacher In-service Friday, March 16th**

Reading: Next week, we should be finishing up the book "The Case of the Gasping Garbage" The children are in the process of finishing up their reading of chapters 7 and 8 and completing the comprehension questions. When we are done reading, I will be having them take the AR test on the book and a written book test.

Star Students

Week of March 12th
Week of March 19th
Week of March 26th

Tessia
Daniela
Will Y.

IB Unit of Inquiry

We are continuing our unit on **Regions are formed based on shared Characteristics**. We learned about the United States last week. Students learned that the US is divided into 5 regions. They will be writing down their top two choices of region that they would like to learn more about and I will place all of the children into 5 groups according to the region. There is a grading rubric that we will go over in class with the expectations for the projects the groups will be working on for the next few weeks. They will be learning about their regions from various sources (reading information sheets about the region, reading books on the app Epic and watching different video clips collected on Google Classroom). Part of the project is deciding how they will share the information they learn with the rest of the class.

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. The app Stack the States is one way to study.

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 weeks virtue is Gratitude.. As well as the virtues, we will finish Ch. 10 this week.

Upcoming Events

Lenten food drive ends this week- You may send in any non perishable food item by March 15th. They are also having a Hygiene Product Drive.

3/13 Garden Time: make sure your child has a warm jacket to wear.

3/14 "Walk out" prayer - 10:00AM for 17 minutes. We will gather as a school community around the upper field to pray for the victims in Florida.

3/16 - NO SCHOOL

3/19 School Family Time and Mass (Feast of St. Joseph)

3/22 Reconciliation for 3-8 graders.

3/23 Free Dress Day

Report Cards come home

