

CLASSROOM NEWS

Mrs. Smith's
3rd Grade

week of: **March 19th - 30th**

IB Attribute of the Month: Risk Takers

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 virtues are purity and generosity. As well as the virtues, we will finish Ch. 10 this week and begin learning about Holy Week and The Stations of the Cross.

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 Tuesday due to Mass 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. **Due to disruptions with Mass, Reconciliation and Holy Week the test is on Tuesday, March 27th.**

Reading: Students finished up "Gasping Garbage" with a test last week. This week they will be reading non-fiction texts about their region of study and taking notes for their region project.

Star Students

Week of March 19th	Daniela
Week of March 26th	Will Y.
Week of April 9th	Claire

IB Unit of Inquiry

We are continuing our unit on **Regions are formed based on shared Characteristics.** Students have been placed into 5 groups according to the region they chose to learn more about. We went over the grading rubric together. Students will create a google slideshow (powerpoint) to present the material as a group. The children are in the process of researching and completing their notes, and already thinking about how they will present the information in a slide show. If they wish to create anything else for their presentation (create a diorama, poster, trifold,...), they must do so at home. Those projects must be in by April 9th.

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.

Upcoming Events

- 3/19 School Family Time and Mass (Feast of St. Joseph)
- 3/22 Reconciliation for ALL 3-8 graders.
- 3/23 Free Dress Day
Report Cards come home
- 3/26 - 3/30 Holy Week
- 3/30 Good Friday
11:30 Stations of the Cross followed by a silent noon dismissal
- 4/2-4/6 Spring Break

