

# CLASSROOM NEWS

Mrs. Smith's  
3rd Grade

week of: **March 5th - 9th**

## IB Attribute of the Month: Risk Takers

Dear Parents,  
MAPS test results will be coming home on Monday, March 5. Please look over your child's results, sign and return just the orange sheet. The results are for you to keep. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
Susan Smith

## 3rd Grade ELA

**Language Arts:** We finished our extreme weather reports last week and we will be learning about figurative language (similes and metaphors) to help enhance our writing to be more descriptive.

**Spelling:** The School Spelling Bee is on Monday morning so the children will not have ELA class. We worked on this weeks spelling words on Friday, Mar. 2nd and the children put their new words and packet in their binders. The test will be on Thurs, Mar. 8th because of the field trip on the 9th.

**Reading:** The children are finishing the last two chapters of "The Case of the Gasping Garbage".

## Star Students

Week of March 5th	Bennett
Week of March 12th	Tessia
Week of March 19th	Daniela
Week of March 26th	Will Y.

## IB Unit of Inquiry

We are continuing our unit on **Regions are formed based on shared Characteristics**. This week, we will be 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. The children will use a physical map of the United States and decide how they think the 5 regions are formed. We will be discussing if there are natural borders that separate the states and naming them as we go. The children will later be divided up into the 5 regions. They will learn about their region and then decide how they will share the information they learned with the rest of the class. 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 weeks virtue is Zeal. As well as the virtues, we are continuing on to Unit 4 of your Religion book. Ch. 10 looks at Church Leaders.

## Upcoming Events

3/5 Spelling Bee 8:45-10

**Lenten food drive begins-** You may send in any nonperishable food item by March 15<sup>th</sup>. They are also having a Hygiene Product Drive.

3/8 **3rd Grade Jump Rope for Heart day.**

Where free dress for jumping and bring a water bottle with your name on it.

3/9 **3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade field trip to see "Frindle"** We are leaving from school at 9:15 and returning by noon. Wear uniform and lunch is at school.

3/14 **"Walk out" prayer - 10:00AM** for 17 minutes. WE will gather as a school community around the upper field.

3/16 - NO SCHOOL

