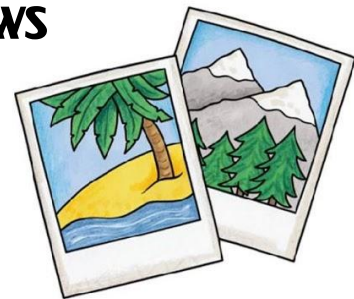


# Mrs. Sheehan's Classroom News

## 3rd/4th Grade



Nov. 12-16th  
IB focus: Inquirer

### New IB UNIT OF INQUIRY

Last week, the children inquired about "Why do volcanoes explode?". They learned about the different type of rocks and the different shapes of shield and stratovolcanoes. Then they conducted an experiment with "thin" and "thick" lava to determine why some volcanoes explode (Mount St. Helen) and some lava just oozes out (Hawaiian volcanoes).

This next week, our guiding question is "What causes the earth to shake?" We'll be focusing on plate tectonics and earthquakes.

### Religion

We will begin Chapter 5, Created for One Another, on Tuesday, Nov. 13th. In this chapter we will focus on humans relationship with each other by looking at how to live in true community, doing service, and what is morality. This chapter ties in well with both our government unit (civic participation) and the 2nd Step program.

### 2nd Step/SEL

This week, we will be focusing on Lesson 7: Conversations and Compliments in Second Step. The children will be learning to identify components of a successful conversation, and demonstrating giving and receiving a compliment. Then Lesson 8: Joining In. In this lesson the children will be learning to identify and practice skills for joining a group.

During Class Meeting time, we are continuing on Habits of Happy Kids. This week our focus is on Habit 3 Put First Things First..

### Math and ELA

All Math and ELA classes will be sending home emails to parents and posting on teacher classroom web pages information about their math and ELA classes.

Each math class will be going to **Robotics** once a week. The class is instructed by Mr. Huntamer.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 12 Veterans Day off  
Nov. 13-21 Book Faire in auditorium  
Nov. 13-30th Food Drive  
Bring in any of the following items:

Soups  
Canned Protein (chicken, ham, tuna)  
Canned Meals (ravioli, spaghetti o's)  
Crackers  
Cereal (hot and cold)

Nov. 19-21 Parent, Student, Teacher Conferences  
Nov. 22-25 Thanksgiving Break  
Nov. 25-29 Warm Clothing Drive

### Star Student

Nov. 26-30 Madeline  
Dec. 3-7th Charlie  
Dec. 10-14 Ryan

Information and the sheets pertaining to star students are available at any time. They are located below the "I Wonder" Bulletin Board. You can also see what is happening each day on the class web page.

