

Mrs. Sheehan's Classroom News

3rd/4th Grade



Jan. 6-10th
IB focus: Principled

IB UNIT OF INQUIRY Invisible Forces

Transdisciplinary Theme: How the world works

Unit Central Idea: Invisible pushes and pulls help operate the world around us.

In our first mystery, the children will see that by learning to think about pushes and pulls--forces-- they can accomplish extraordinary things! In the activity, Hopper Popper, the children will be making a folded piece of cardboard jump high in the air, propelled by the pulling force of a rubber band and we will discuss the forces involved in making this "Hopper Popper" jump.

In class, the children are going to be presented with a list of action verbs like "drag," "lift," "press," and asked to decide whether they were pushes or pulls. **You can help support your child's learning by continuing this at home.** Try applying it to actions that might be of personal interest, like the actions involved in a favorite sport (a throw, a hit, a slam dunk, a tackle, etc.).



Religion Unit 2

Session 7: Following Jesus Learning Outcomes

- Discuss how God calls us to follow the Ten Commandments.
- Discuss how being generous with ourselves helps us follow Jesus.
- Identify ways to show our love for God and our neighbor.
- Define conversion

2nd Step/SEL

Lesson 11 focuses on managing strong feelings. In this lesson, the children will recognize when their emotions and learn the steps to calm down when those feelings get out of control. The HomeLink should be coming home on Thursday and will be posted on the web page.

Morning Meeting Trait of the month is Respect. We will be learning about the trait, practicing, and recognizing students demonstrating respect throughout the month. Each week begins with a quote that exemplifies respect. Then throughout the week we will be learning about respect through class dojo activities, books, and activities.

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 6 **Back to School**
- Jan. 17 **Geography Bee**
- Jan. 20 **No School/MLK Holiday**
- Jan. 23 **Parent's Club Meeting**
- Jan. 24 **Progress Reports**
- Jan. 24-Feb. 7 **Magazine Sale**
- Jan. 26-31 **Catholic Schools Week**
 - Sun. Jan. 26 **Open House 10-12:30**
 - Mon. Jan. 27 **Open House Day**
 - Tues. Jan. 28 **Parents' Day**
Lynnwood Bowl and Skate
 - Wed. Jan. 29 **Community Day/MASS**
Grandparent's Brunch 10:30-11:30
 - Thurs. Jan. 30 **Staff Day**
 - Fri. Jan. 31 **Student Day (Free Dress)**
International Festival 6:30-8:00
- Jan 21-Feb.13 **MAPS TESTING**
- Feb.14-17 **President's Weekend No School**

Star Student

- Jan. 6-10 **Leo**
- Jan. 13-17 **Kaden**

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.

