

# Mrs. Sheehan's Classroom News

## 3rd/4th Grade



Feb. 10-14

IB focus: Open-Minded

### IB UNIT OF INQUIRY

#### Regions

**Transdisciplinary Theme:** Who we are

**Unit Central Idea:** Regions are formed based on shared characteristics

This is an inquiry into....

1. Regions have defining characteristics
2. Examples of borders that have recognizable features
3. People influence the formation of regions.

**Teacher questions/provocations that will drive these inquiries are:**

1. Why do regions change? What is a region?
2. What are defining characteristics of the 50 states and where are the states in relation to one another.
3. What are the differences and similarities in physical, political, and cultural characteristics of Mexico, US and Canada? How can you display these on a map?

We have almost finished our research on the cultural regions of Mexico and Canada. Once finished we will share what we have learned by presenting the book to the class. Once finished we will move on and begin looking at the regions within the United States of America. Your child will be asked to name and place as many of the state as they can in a blank map of the United States. They will then be given a map with the state written in and can see how they did. Our hope is then to use our IPADS to play the app "Stack the States" so we can practice learning all of the states in a fun way.



### Religion Unit 2

#### Session 9 Jesus Dies and Rises

- Discuss Jesus' passage from Death to Resurrection.
- Describe what Saint Paul wrote about the Paschal Mystery in his letters.
- Explain that we show our love for others through our actions.
- Define Paschal Mystery

### 2nd Step/SEL

**2nd Step: Lesson 13: Managing Anxiety**

In this lesson the children identify situations that cause anxiety and apply what they've learned about calming down to anxiety-provoking scenarios, including academic challenges.

**Morning Meeting:** For the next 7 weeks, the morning meeting focus will be on the principles in *The 7 Habits of Happy Kids* by Sean Covey. The first habit: Be Proactive: You're in Charge. This habit focuses on learning to take responsibility for your choices and behaviors.

### Upcoming Events

#### Online Magazine/Boon Supply Sale

<https://supportmygroup.weebly.com/stluke-school.html>

#### Feb. 13. Valentine Cards passed out

The children may begin bringing in Valentine's on Monday, Feb. 10th. If you decide to handout Valentines then the Valentines must be brought in for our entire class. They may also add in the rest of the third grade or fourth graders.

#### Noon Dismissal

Feb. 14-17 President's Weekend No School

Feb. 20-23 MYP Play "Mary Poppins"  
tickets available online

Feb. 24-Mar. 6 Lenten Food Drive

Feb. 26 Ash Wednesday Mass 9:30

Feb. 27 State of the School 6:30-7:30

### Star Student

Mar. 16-20 Ali

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.

