

Mrs. Sheehan's Classroom News

3rd/4th Grade



Feb. 3-7

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?

The children will begin looking at the different ways that regions are determined (physical, cultural, political). We will start by looking at the continent of North America and see how we might divide the continent if we used the physical features of mountains, rivers, and other physical features. Next, we will look at the politically determined regions of the three countries (United States, Mexico, Canada). Finally, we will research the two cultural regions of Mexico and Canada.

The following week, we will begin looking at the regions within the United States of America.



Religion Unit 2

Session 8: Jesus Gathers Disciples

- Tell the story of how Jesus chose Peter to follow him.
- Explore why Jesus needed apostles and disciples to help him.
- Discuss reasons why we need to work together to serve the kingdom
- Define Gospel and mission.

2nd Step/SEL

2nd Step: Lesson 12: Calming Down Your Anger

In this lesson the children will practice techniques for calming them down when they get angry. The children will be bringing home the home link for this lesson on Thursday.

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/stlukeschool.html>

Feb. 6 Global Reading Challenge 1:30-2:45

Feb. 7 Spelling Bee 9:30-10:30

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/Black History Month Assembly

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

Feb. 3-7 Bonnie

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.

