

Dear Parents,

We have a lot coming up in the next couple of weeks so we want to make sure you are aware of everything.

Hands for Jesus: The children have two wonderful opportunities to live out this portion of our mission statement. The fourth grade is collecting socks for the homeless and the school is having a **food drive** for Saint Vincent de Paul. We have so many people in need and every little bit you can contribute is so appreciated! We also encouraged the children to do some cleaning out of their closets to see if they have any clothing that is too small for them and can't be passed down that they can give to the poor. This is an excellent way for them to use their **hands** to help others.

The **trimester ends next Thursday**, so any missing assignments will need to be completed before then. Please make sure to check PowerSchool to see what needs to be completed and let us know if your child completes any older missing work so that we can update it to show it's completed. We are still updating work from this week so those will not be on PowerSchool until Sunday. Report cards will be coming home on Wednesday, March 17th. If you still have your child's report card envelope at home please send it on Monday.

Conferences: If you have not done so already, please sign up for a spring conference time. We look forward to meeting with you and your child to discuss their progress and strategize for finishing the year strong.

Friday, March 12: We will not have school on Friday, March 12. The children do not need to check in with us in the morning. The teachers will be having an in-service day and will not be available for any meetings.

Regions Project: Students will present their group slideshows starting Tuesday next week. They should have their slides finished by Monday. We will have a short time to work in class but that will be mostly used to get ready for their presentations, so it would be best to have their slides done.

Indigenous People: Our next IB unit will begin next week. The central idea for this unit is "Indigenous People Express Their Culture Based on the Resources Available to Them". In this unit the children will look at the different ways that the Indigenous people of the United States expressed themselves through the shelter, clothing, music/dance, storytelling, arts and crafts that they created.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

Blessings,

Susan Smith and Valerie Sheehan