

Dear Parents,

Our winter MAPS testing begins on Monday morning. Please ensure that the children get plenty of rest, eat a good breakfast, and have a filled water bottle. We will be reminding them that we want to get an accurate view of where they are, so to do their very best and take their time. If they're having a hard time focusing, we want them to take a break and then go back to finish it. These are not timed tests, so they can take as much time as they need.

We have been busy drafting our paragraphs for traditional foods, holidays, and sports and recreation. I will be evaluating their paragraphs and giving them feedback in order for them to be ready to type their drafts into Book Creator. Next week, we will spend the week editing and typing them. Students may have additional homework if they have not completed their work. Please check PowerSchool at the end of the weekend to see if your child has their work completed, as I will be inputting grades for their notetaking along with their paragraphs.

Both reading groups have received their next assignment (Assignment 3). With MAPS testing next week, we won't have reading on Monday or Tuesday so the children need to make sure they complete their reading (Lemonade War-Chapters 7-9, Frindle- Chapters 7-9, and Tales of a Fourth-Grade Nothing- Chapters 5-6) The children do not have any extra assignments but to read. Assignment 3 is due Wednesday, Feb. 2.

We didn't want to go two weeks without spelling, so Mrs. Sheehan introduced the words for the next week today. She will be handing out the spelling packet on Monday. For homework, the children will have "Trace, Copy, Write" to complete Monday night, but for the rest of the week, they can choose any of the activities to complete each night. There are also digital activities that they can do on google classroom.

Important Dates

January 21st ~ St. Luke Parish "Trivia Night"

January 23rd ~ 3rd Grade classroom spelling bee

January 23rd-25th ~ MAPS testing - **Be sure to mark your calendars.**

January 27th ~ **Free Dress day**

January 30 - Feb. 3 **Catholic School's Week**

February 10 ~ Teacher in-service day Non-student day

February 20th ~ President's Day Holiday No school

Enjoy the weekend,

Valerie Sheehan and Susan Smith