

Dear Parents,

Catholic School's Week is always a hectic but wonderful time! We hope you felt as appreciated as we did. Thank you for the wonderful cards, notes, and gifts! We enjoyed seeing you all at Open House on Sunday and seeing your children interact with their Grandparents on Wednesday. It is a pleasure to teach your children and work in such a wonderful community!

In the Thursday WRAP, Mr. Boyle sent out the Parent perception survey link. We are attaching it to this classroom news to make sure you all get a chance to complete the survey. Here is the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y75WN5X>

Here is a spelling and reading update. No spelling next week. The students are finishing up their books (Tales of a Fourth-Grade Nothing, Lemonade War, and Frindle) by Wednesday, Feb. 8th. They will take an AR test on the book at that time. This week we started working on how to write a summary. I will be modeling a sample this next week, then the children will practice writing one together, and it will end with them writing one on their own.

In writing, most students have finished their country books which were to be completed by today. Ask your child to show you their book. They are very impressive. If your child has not finished, they will need to put the finishing touches on their books at home. Mrs. Smith will be printing their books soon.

Our grammar focus will continue to be focusing on sentence structure. We learned about writing complete sentences that must include a subject and a predicate this week, and we will continue to practice this skill next week. They will not have a grammar packet but will have a homework assignment.

This week we began our inquiry into regions. After learning about different types of regions, the students divided a topographical map of North America into physical, cultural, and political regions. They named and colored a political map of North and Central America. Next, we will learn about the political regions of Mexico and Canada, looking for similarities and differences.

Upcoming dates

February 10th - Non Student Day ~ Teacher in-service

February 16th – State of the School

February 17th- Free Dress Friday

February 20th – Presidents' Day holiday

February 22nd – Ash Wednesday

February 23rd – Parents' Club mtg. via ZOOM

February 24th - **No Free Dress Friday** Superintendent visit!

March 2nd – 4th MYP Musical Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat!

Have a restful weekend,

Valerie Sheehan and Susan Smith