

Dear Parents,

Well, the snow flurried and got everyone hoping for a winter wonderland. It did not happen yet, but boy, did those temperatures drop. Please make sure your child comes to school with a jacket every day. We strive for students to get outside each day.

MAPS testing takes place on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in the coming week. Please ensure your child gets a good night's sleep and a hearty breakfast. There will be no spelling or grammar next week due to MAP testing

Remember that every student should **read the biography** of their chosen influential black history person nightly and take notes. The projects will be due on Monday, February 5th, but the work must be happening now, so they are not trying to cram it in at the last minute.

We are finishing up our math units that look at basic multiplication facts. The children have received flashcards to cut out, write the answer on the back, and use to practice their facts. We will use mad minutes to work on the speed at which they can recall these facts—the first mad minute tested them on their knowledge of the 0-5 tables. Only two students were able to answer the 30 facts in one minute. The children will progress at their own speed but must practice at home to master them.

In our next mystery, “How can we predict when it’s going to storm?” students learn how to predict the weather by observing clouds and their changes. In the activity Storm Spotter's Guide, students create a small book to record their notes, identify different types of clouds, and think about wind direction to figure out if a storm is heading their way.

Attached you will find a Parent letter about “Circle of Grace” (Safe Environment curriculum). Please take the time to read the letter so you will know what we will be teaching the week of January 29-February 2.

Important Dates

1/15 - NO SCHOOL - MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY

1/16 - 1/18 Maps Testing 3rd Grade

1/26 - Non-uniform Day

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

SUN 1/28 - 9 am MASS & OPEN HOUSE

MON 1/29 - PARENT APPRECIATION DAY

TUE 1/30 - STAFF APPRECIATION DAY

WED 1/31 - GRANDPARENTS & GRANDFRIENDS MASS / PROGRAM

THU 2/1 - ST. LUKE PARISH STAFF & ST LUKE ALUMNI APPRECIATION DAY

FRI 2/2 - STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY and International Festival

MON 2/5 - BLACK HISTORY BIOGRAPHY PROJECT IS DUE. (NOTES AND ALL)

2/9 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-service

2/13 - Valentine's Day Celebration (More info to follow)

2/14 - ASH WEDNESDAY (9:30 am) - Service of the Word w/ ash distribution

2/19 - NO SCHOOL - Presidents Day

Enjoy the long weekend,

Susan Smith and Valerie Sheehan