

Dear Parents,

We are excited to have you and your child join us at the conference. The children's slideshow is mostly ready and we are looking forward to hearing them use it as a starting point, with a bit of prompting from us, to discuss all the things they have been doing and the goals they still want to achieve.

We would like to bring to your attention that the due date for the **state floats** project is this coming **Wednesday morning**. It appears from our interactions with the students that they have made considerable progress and should be prepared to present their work. We welcome your presence if you're interested in joining us! The presentations are scheduled for the end of the day on Wednesday, and the projects will be displayed on their desks for all to appreciate.

The children may have told you about their ongoing project of creating food trucks. As part of our economics unit, each child has designed a business plan for a food truck representing their respective state. On **Tuesday**, we are organizing a **Food Truck Festival**, where all the posters will be displayed in the hallway, and the kids will select their top five favorite foods. We intend to keep the posters up in the hall, but we may have to come up with an alternate plan since there is already a lot of work displayed for this unit.

In our English Language Arts classes, we have completed our state book reports in reading and our informational books about our tribes in writing. We are now ready to start our next units of study. Starting next week, students will begin reading either "Stone Fox" or "Shiloh," both of which are great stories, even though they are a bit sad, about a boy and his dog. Through these stories, students will practice various reading and comprehension skills. In writing, we will begin our "Once Upon a Time" unit focusing on adapting and writing fairy tales. Students will once again use their narrative writing skills to adapt a fairy tale of their choice.

Upcoming Events:

5/1 - All School Mass (8:45 am)

State Floats Due ~ Parade @2:00

**5/6 - 5/10 MAPS TESTING**

5/15 - All School Mass (9:30 am) Children bring in a flower for Mary Mass

5/15 - Archbishop Etienne presiding

5/15 - Crowning of Mary in the Parish Center (10:30 am) (New date!)

5/22 - Spring Concert in the Auditorium (6:30-7:30 pm)

**5/24 - NO SCHOOL - FUNDING RAISING DAY OFF**

**5/27 - NO SCHOOL - MEMORIAL DAY**

5/29 - Mass, grades 2-8 (8:45am)

**5/30 Third Grade Field trip to Pacific Science Center**

6/5 - Mass, grades 2-8 (8:45am)

6/10 - Baccalaureate Mass (9:30 am)

6/10 - 8th Grade Graduation (7:00 pm)

6/13 - HALF DAY (noon dismissal)

6/13 - Field Day and Moving-Up Ceremony

6/14 - Last Day of School

See you at conferences,

Valerie Sheehan and Susan Smith