



What is happening in the Classroom...

I hope that everyone had a great winter break! What a great week off I had. I was very productive as I walked or ran at least 5 miles each day. I was able to get completely caught up on my school work and house work! Michael ran in "All States" on Saturday. He qualified for these last Wednesday 2/13. Here is how he finished: Mile (17/20) with a 4:34 and 4x400 (23/24) with a 3:40 for the team. Outdoor track will be starting in mid-March... at least I have a few weeks off! 😊

I would like to thank you very much for all of the Valentine's Day gifts. From the Valentine's to the candy and candles I certainly appreciate it all! My boys enjoyed the chocolates and other goodies too. I was told I needed to share!!!! 😊

I would like to thank Ms. Teixeira (Mrs. Teixeira's daughter) for coming in and showing us some pretty neat STEM activities. I have a few either at home or in my classroom and may be purchasing a few more as I enjoyed playing with them too! As much as the students said the afternoon was playing games, they were learning- A LOT!!!! So sneaky we are!

We had a great time at Mechanics Hall on Monday where we learned about Jazz. The students from WPI did a wonderful job and we sure enjoyed the music!

Now is a great time to check edge2day.com. Progress reports will be available on March 1st. If an assignment has a zero, your child did not turn it in, if there is an INC (incomplete) your child was sick. Either way your child needs to turn it in sooner than later!

Now that we have returned from Winter Break we will have a class with Father Dan on Penance this week. Next week we will celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation.

Please keep sending in those Boxtops!

Our quarter 3 book report is due on March 15th. Please be sure you have all your parts for your Sandwich. If you would like to see what a finished product look like, please stop by my classroom. I have had one out for the students to use as a model.

Thank you to our altar servers Emily and Declan and the greeters Ryan, Ryan, and Bryce for making our celebration of the Eucharist today special.



Onto Business....

Religion: We will finish up Chapter 10 this week. We have been concentrating on the first commandment. We will learn about the 4 types of prayer: Praise, sorrow, thanks, and Petition. We will learn how to create our own petitions. Our review for this chapter is on Monday, March 4th and the test will be on Tuesday, March 5th.

Math: Division is our study for a few weeks. Fact Families, missing numbers (division and multiplication) and number patterns will be our focus this week. The students have really done well with multiplication from last chapter and have quickly picked up the beginning stages of division.

Science: What a fun week ahead for our study of ecology. We take a look at the physical and behavioral adaptation of plants, and predators and prey. The study also includes how an adaptation benefits an organism and extinct and endangered animals. We will have a test next week.

Reading: Mr. Popper's Penguins is getting to the good parts of the book. The Popper Performing Penguins have taken to the road to begin earning some money for the Poppers. Their first experience on the train has been fun! The penguins take every opportunity to toboggan down the ladders in the berths and interact with the passengers. We will be making our own penguins this week.

Social Studies: Students will read and learn about hurricanes, which occur often in the Southeast. Students will play a review game on Tuesday for their test on Ch. 6 on Wednesday. Students will play another game about the Southeast states and Capitals.

Language: Students will begin a new unit on Explanatory Writing. Students will identify action verbs and direct objects in sentences. Students will also compare and contrast verb tenses. Students will also review subject-verb agreement in sentences.

Since the 4th grade reached their SELF-CONTROL goal, students will have a surprise treat on Friday!!!

Vocabulary: We will begin Unit 9 this week. After taking a pretest on the spelling of the words on Monday, the students will write any incorrect word 3 times and bring it in on Tuesday. Students will also make up flash cards for definitions, which will be due on Friday. I will also send home a spelling chart for this unit. This is a homework grade, so please make sure to have your child practice the words every day, and you initial the apples on the chart. Students also have the option to practice with partners or by themselves. When they practice by themselves, they can initial their apples. This will be due next Friday, 3/1.



Our Calendar...

- February 25th: Welcome back! Mass 9 AM
- March 1st: Progress Reports go home
- March 4th: No Mass
- March 5th: Penance

- March 6th: Mass 9 AM, Ash Wednesday
- March 7th: PTG Meeting 6:30 in the Parish Hall.
- March 10th: Daylight Savings Time (Spring Ahead)
- March 15th: Quarter 3 Book Report Due

Have a great week!

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5th Grade Math: This week we will finish up our chapter on division. We will have a quick review of order of operations and then head right into our story problems for this chapter. Our test will be on Friday.

5th Grade Science: Our study of density begins this week. We will experiment with the density of metals, and other solids and liquids. Hopefully we will be able to begin our lesson on observing and identifying characteristics of chemical changes. This will include endothermic and exothermic reactions. This is a fun experiment!