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What is happening in the Classroom...

I hope that everyone had a relaxing weekend! It was nice to see peeks of the sun and to feel its warmth, and I *HOPE* that spring is on its way and here to stay!

Book Report News: Our next report will be a Biography report. This is a part book report and part research report. We will do some of the research here at school after they pick their person. Please make sure that you can find a book before you pick a person. More information will be going home this week.

What a great comedy show that Assumption put on this past Saturday. I enjoyed the show from beginning to end. Thank you to Mr. Dorsey for sharing his sense of humor.

Assumptions very own Drama Club will be performing "Annie Jr." at Holy Name HS on April 13th at 6:00 PM. I am looking forward to seeing the performance.

On Friday the DA from Worcester will be presenting a talk about cyber safety to our 4th and 5th graders. With social media becoming a such a big part of their lives, we want them to be safe in their endeavors.

Quarter 3 ends this Friday. Please be sure to check out Edge2day.com to ensure that your child's work is all handed in and there are no zeros or incompletes. If there are, please complete the assignment and turn it in as soon as possible. Remember that any assignment below a 65% can be redone for a better grade.

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Onto Business....

Religion: We start out our week finishing up the second commandment in our commandment booklet. We then begin to study the third commandment: Keep holy the Sabbath. We will discuss why Sundays and Holy Days are special.

Math: These kids are moving right along in division! They are amazing! We move onto more quotients, which focuses on not always having the quotient dividing into the first number of the dividend, and zeros in the quotient. We have come across a few of these problems and it really makes them think! We will have a quiz on Friday covering division.

Science: This week we review for our first test on kinetic and potential energy. Our review will be today, and our test will be tomorrow. We then have a fun activity that explores kinetic and potential energy where they will work together to create a "roller coaster." There are a few parameters they will need to work within to obtain the given result. I am looking forward to seeing what they create. We then begin our next lesson with energy and discuss radiant energy.

Reading: We have met Sam Gribley, the main character, in the middle of a snow storm. This story begins in the middle and tracks back to the beginning. This week we learn about why Sam left his house and what he was after when he left. We had many interesting items listed on what they would bring with them into the woods if they stayed there.

Social Studies: Students will complete their Southeast States and Capitals Quiz on Monday, which was postponed from last week. Students will be introduced to Unit 4: The Midwest. We will identify the states and capitals of the Midwest. We will also discuss the Great Lakes and the important waterways that affect trade.

Language: Students will identify the relationship between main and helping verbs and the different kinds of helping verbs. In preparation for Poetry Month, students will read a poem called In Flanders Fields and discuss the elements that make up this poem. Students will also identify linking verbs.

Vocabulary: Students will begin Unit 11 this week with a pretest. Please make sure to sign the Unit 11 Spelling Chart and encourage your child to review his or her spelling, definitions, synonyms, and antonyms. The Spelling Chart is due next Friday, 3/29. If the students pass in their Spelling Charts, they will receive 10 bonus points on their test! If students received a perfect score on their pretest, they do not have to complete the spelling chart and will receive automatic bonus points!

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Our Calendar...

March 27th: Stations of the Cross 4th-7th 2 PM

March 29th: Quarter 3 ends

March 30th: Mother Son Event

April 1st: Mass 9 AM

April 5th: Ice Cream Friday, Quarter 3 report cards released

April 8th: Mass 9AM

April 9th-13th: Tech Week Annie Jr. (Drama Students only)

April 10th: 4th and 5th grade Present Living Stations 2 PM in the church

April 13th-21st: Spring Break- Enjoy the time off!!!!

April 13th: Drama Club Presents "Annie Jr" at Holy Name 6 PM

April 14th: Palm Sunday

April 21st: Happy Easter!

April 22nd: School Resumes

Have a great week!!!

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5th Grade Math: We are getting a great hold on reducing fractions and making equivalent fractions. This week we add on to that with least common multiples and least common denominators. These concepts will help us when we learn how to add and subtract fractions with unlike denominators.

5th Grade Science: Our study of the Earth's systems continues with classifying rocks, describing the rock cycle and identifying rocks and minerals. We then move to our atmosphere where we begin with describing the layers of the atmosphere and the effects of greenhouse gases and ozone. We then head right into my favorite part of the atmosphere...weather!