

# 40 days of Lent

## What is happening in the Classroom...

I hope that everyone had a great weekend. The weather was decent- at least I was able to get in a walk on Saturday! Sunday was all about getting my boy to his Internship site where he will be for the next 6 weeks! He is quite excited, so that is a plus!

**Living Stations of the Cross:** The fourth and fifth grade students will be performing the Stations of the Cross on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM in the church. We will be practicing the stations during the next few weeks to prepare for the performance. If you have any questions, please let me know.

I am very proud of each of our students who have brought in socks for our sock drive. As of right now the school has brought in 524 pairs of socks! Wow! Thank you for contributing to our drive!

One of my favorites: Ice Cream Friday, this Friday!! Bring your dollar to enjoy a cool treat!

Quarter 3 report cards will be released on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to go to [edge2day.com](http://edge2day.com) to view your child's report card.

All candy money is due on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>! We had a great sale this year. Thank you all for selling lots of boxes of yummy Candy!

**Book Report News:** The report will be sent home on Wednesday after I discuss everything that goes into the report with the kids. I will then set a date for their biography names to be turned in to me.

The Assumption Uniform Swap and Shop will be held on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> 2:30-5:30 PM and Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:15-9:00 AM. What a great way to get uniforms to finish out the year and to start out next year.

Assumptions very own Drama Club will be performing "Annie jr." at Holy Name HS on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. (Yes, the time has changed). I am looking forward to seeing the performance.

Spring Break begins on April 13<sup>th</sup> and the students will return on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Enjoy this time with your family.

Please continue to send in Boxtops!

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## Onto Business....

**Religion:** We will finish up our chapter on the third commandment, Keep Holy the Sabbath. We will review on Thursday and have a test on Friday.

**Math:** We are just moving right along with our division. I am hoping to have a test next week Friday, if all goes according to plan! This week we look at larger numbers in division, dividing money, and order of operations. Order of operations can be tricky if they don't follow the simple rules.

**Science:** We had a ton of fun creating our own roller coaster. We did not make our goal of pushing a cup 75-100 centimeters, but they will have a few more chances to work on that. We begin another topic of energy. This week we look at radiant energy, describing visible light, translucent, opaque, and transparent light and we will observe shadows. I hope the weather will cooperate as we will create our own sundials.

**Reading:** Sam is burning out his Hemlock tree to create his home. Finding the time to look for food and work on his house has been a struggle for Sam since he works himself into being very hungry and he doesn't have a pantry or refrigerator nearby. Sam found a falcon's nest and was able to take a baby falcon that he will train to help him hunt. We are learning a lot about nature from this book.

**Social Studies:** Students will read about the Bad Lands in South Dakota from its climate to wildlife. We will also discuss how the landscape has changed from what it once was 67 million years ago. Students will continue to work on their Midwest states and capitals through the game, "Pick-Up States". Students will also continue memorizing the states and capitals through different songs.

**Language:** For the start of Poetry Month, students will create a haiku that highlights the elements of rhythm and imagery. For their second poem, they will create a Diamante Poem about their favorite movie or book. This assignment will be a great review of parts of speech as well as synonyms and antonyms. They will look at examples, brainstorm, and write their final drafts by the end of this week. I look forward to witnessing their Creativity.

**Vocabulary:** Students will conclude Unit 11 this week. We will have a review game on Thursday and the test on Friday. 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, 4/5. If the students pass in their Spelling Charts with 10 signed apples, 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...

Happy Birthday to Bryce (4/1)... We hope you have a great day!

April 1<sup>st</sup>: Mass 9 AM

April 5<sup>th</sup>: Ice Cream Friday, Quarter 3 report Cards released

April 8<sup>th</sup>: Mass 9AM

April 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>: Tech Week Annie Jr. (Drama Students only)

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

April 13<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>: Spring Break- Enjoy the time off!!!!

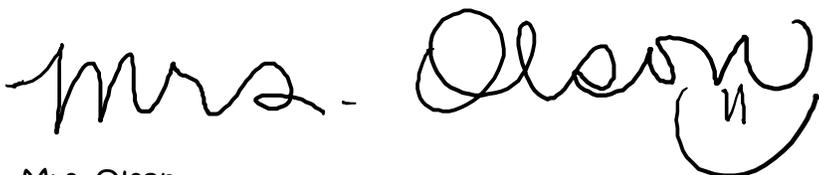
April 13<sup>th</sup>: Drama Club Presents "Annie Jr" at Holy Name 6:30 PM

April 14<sup>th</sup>: Palm Sunday

April 21<sup>st</sup>: Happy Easter!

April 22<sup>nd</sup>: School Resumes

Have a great week!!!



Mrs. Olson

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math: Fractions are fun! I sure hope you are hearing this at home. This week we tackle fractions greater than or equal to 1 and comparing and ordering fractions. Comparing and ordering fractions will give them their first taste and using the skill of finding the lowest common denominator. The students earned their 600 letters two weeks ago, so we will have a movie and treat to celebrate! Great job!

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science: We are moving right along with our study of Earth's systems. This week we learn about the atmosphere, air masses, weather conditions, and the water cycle. It will be a very busy week!