



What is happening in the Classroom...

I hope that everyone had a nice weekend. The weather was delightful! It was nice to be able to take care of the garden (which died with the frost last week) and take a walk each day! As much as I love this weather, I know that I like the winter and snow also!

Enjoy the long weekend as we have Thursday off in observance of Veteran's Day and Friday for Diocesan Religious Enrichment Day.

I look forward to meeting with each of you in two weeks as we discuss your child's progress in fourth grade. This conference will be with both Mrs. Russo and me. You will then know how your student is doing in each of our classes.

Be sure to check out your child's report card on Monday, November 15th. I am finalizing the grades as I write this newsletter. They all had a great first quarter!

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We are now beginning second quarter. Each student starts out with an *A* in all of my classes and it is up to them to work hard to keep that *A.* I know they can reach that goal with some hard work and determination!

Our kids are doing great with bringing in donations for the food drive. As of Friday, November 5th, we collected 80 items. Just amazing the generosity of our families! Keep up the good work and let's see how much we can donate! The food drive ends on Thursday, November 18th!!!

Friday, November 19th is a dress up day- wear your favorite sports jersey. Hmmmm, I wonder what jersey I will be wearing??

Our next book report for quarter two will be a sandwich report. I have a format to follow along with a rubric, so you know how it will be graded. I would like them to pick a book (please no graphic novels) with at least 110 pages. A fiction book works best for this report. I would like book titles by November 17th. This book report will be due on January 21st.

Our class has reached our 500-letter goal for using SELF CONTROL! On November 19th they will receive an afternoon movie and treat. It is my way of thanking them for their awesome behavior in and out of the Classroom!

Edge2day: Just as a reminder, Edge is closed for this week as teachers are finalizing grades. Edge will be opened on Monday (11/15) evening for you to see your child's report card.

Advent begins on November 28th. Remember to get out those Advent wreaths and pray each day as the season of preparing begins.



Onto Business....

Religion: This week, the 4th graders will learn why Catholics honor Mary, the Mother of God. We will do a play about the Annunciation, create Rosaries, and pray a decade of the Rosary.

Math: We finish up chapter 2 this week. Our test will be on Tuesday with a review of the test on Wednesday. Next week we begin our chapter on Addition and Subtraction. We will have an addition checkpoint this week also.

Science: We had great grades on our last Science test! Thank you for taking the time to study with them. This week we begin with vertebrates and invertebrates.

Reading: Chester made a little mistake last week and Tucker is a very wise mouse that helps his friend out in the next chapter. We will also read about a Chinese Dinner where Mario learns what Chester should be eating. We will continue to work on our vocabulary, fact and opinion, and comprehension.

Social Studies: We have begun lesson 2 in our new unit which focuses on the three branches of government-Executive, Legislative, and the Judicial. We will learn about the people who work in each branch and what their responsibilities are

Language: New Term! New Unit in LA! We will begin word play with Nouns, both singular and plural, this week. We will also continue our Personal Narrative writing focusing on beginning, middle, end and using time-order words to connect ideas and sequence events.



Our Calendar...

November 8th: Mass 9 AM, Quarter 2 begins

November 11th: No School- Veteran's Day

November 12th: No School- Diocesan Religious Professional Development Day

November 15th: Report Cards to be opened on Edge

November 15th: Mass 9 AM

November 17th: Book Titles for your book report due

November 18th: PTG meeting 6:30 in the Church Hall

November 22nd: ½ Day Noon Dismissal-Conferences 1:00-4:00 PM

November 23rd: ½ Day Noon Dismissal-Conferences 1:00-4:00 PM

November 24th-November 28th: Thanksgiving Break! Enjoy the time with family and friends

Have a wonderful week!

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5th Grade Math: This week we will take a quick review of what we learned last week (4503×5) and get right into multiplying two-digit numbers. We will talk about the steps and the importance of the placeholder in these problems. The kids are doing great with their multiplication check points thus far. I will continue to use the check points weekly.

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5th Grade Science: This week I am presenting the students with an element project. The projects are to be completed by November 18th. They will present them to the class, so they need to be practicing the delivery of the information also. This week we tackle classifying elements as metals, metalloids, or non-metals. We will also describe the structures of atoms and identify valence electrons.