



## What is happening in the Classroom...

I hope that everyone had a relaxing weekend! I am looking forward to this week's weather

**Book Report News:** Book Reports are due on April 7<sup>th</sup>. We will present them to the class that day. They will need to have their costumes with them that day. I will have grades completed by the next week. If you have them done early, you may turn them in as early as March 25<sup>th</sup>. If you need another copy of the instructions, you can find them on the 4<sup>th</sup> grade page of the school website ([www.assumptionschoolmillbury.org](http://www.assumptionschoolmillbury.org)) under newsletters.

It is always nice to "Spring Ahead", so we receive more daylight in the evening hours, but this is the time change that takes me the longest to adjust to.

If you missed the PTG meeting last Thursday, we are looking for some helpers for our Golf Tournament on May 16<sup>th</sup>, and our Color Run on May 14<sup>th</sup>. We are also looking for a few social ideas for the spring. Contact the office or PTG with your ideas.

Looking forward to seeing all the "Green" on Thursday for St. Patrick's Day. This Out of Uniform day will cost a dollar to wear jeans and something green. Assumption gym pants are not part of the dress for the day.

We had a great time celebrating Pi Day today. We played a dice game where the students attempted to gain the first ten PI digits before their partner.

Spring begins on Sunday! How nice will that be if Mother Nature fully cooperates! I am awaiting the warmer weather to get out and enjoy walks and runs outside!

Progress reports were ready on Edg2day this past Friday. Please check out your child's grades. If you have any questions, please let me know. They are all doing well. If you see an INC or a Zero for an assignment, please be sure to have them turn it in to me and I will get the grade changed.

## Onto Business....



**Religion:** This week, the 4<sup>th</sup> graders will learn that we need to care for our Earth home. We will talk about the rich man and Lazarus and learn about the Lenten Rice Bowl outreach. We will learn how important it is to share the gifts that God gives and that we are never too young to start!

**Math:** We begin Division this week. We will start out with the basics, relating division and multiplication and the parts of a division problem: dividend, divisor and quotient.

**Science:** This past week we learned our potential and kinetic energy song and watched how a roller coaster has both potential and kinetic energy within it. We also took a side note as to where the best place to sit on the roller coaster is for the best ride. This week we look at the energy sound brings to us. Our experiments this week will look at pitch and the characteristics of sound. We will use rubber bands and instruments to demonstrate.

**Reading:** Our story of Sam Gribley begins to get exciting as he continues to learn how to live in the Catskill Mountains. Sam finds a big Hemlock tree and decides that this would make a great home. How does he hollow it out to make enough space for him to live in it? Along the way he meets an older woman who is “stealing” his strawberries for jam. How does he react to seeing a person after so long? Does he give away his secret of living on his own? We also learn how he obtains his falcon, Frightful. By the end of the week your child will be able to answer all these questions. Ask them about it.

**Social Studies:** We continue our journey learning about the Southeast Region. This week we will focus on the Climate of the Southeast, hurricane season, and learn how and why Lighthouses were originally built and why they are not as important today as they once were to sailors.

**Language:** Students all did a great job on their Unit 11 vocabulary and spelling tests which will go home today! This week in grammar, we will be exploring Linking Verbs, Main and Helping Verbs. In writing, we will learn about the six parts of a letter, compare & contrast a friendly and business letter, and write an example of both.



## Our Calendar...

March 14<sup>th</sup>: Mass 9 AM

March 17<sup>th</sup>: Happy St. Patrick's Day \$1 000

March 18<sup>th</sup>: No School Diocesan Professional Development Day

March 20<sup>th</sup>: Spring begins

March 21<sup>st</sup>: Butter Braid Fundraiser ends, Mass 9 AM

March 25<sup>th</sup>: Pizza Day 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

March 28<sup>th</sup>: Mass 9 AM

March 29<sup>th</sup>: Penance for 4<sup>th</sup> grade

April 4<sup>th</sup>: Mass 9 AM

April 8<sup>th</sup>: 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade Stations of the Cross Quarter 3 close

April 14<sup>th</sup>: Mass 1:15 PM, Report Cards available on Edge

April 15<sup>th</sup>: Good Friday No School- April Break begins

April 17<sup>th</sup>: Happy Easter

April 25<sup>th</sup>: School resumes, Mass 9 AM

Have a great week!

Mrs. Olson

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math: This week we review lowest terms, since this is a concept that they will continue to use throughout our study of fractions and we then look at great fractions, which is another way to make larger equivalent fractions. Progress reports were available on March 11<sup>th</sup>, and I encourage you to look at them with your child and make goals for the rest of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. If there are any zeros or INC please turn in those assignments as soon as possible.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science: We are entering a new unit about examining the interaction of Earth's systems. This week we study how our actions cause change to the environment and Earth's surfaces, geosphere, atmosphere, hydrosphere, and biosphere. We also look at describing the layers of the geosphere and the movement of tectonic plates.