## What is happening in the classroom...

I hope everyone had a great weekend. I was lucky enough to have Father Dan step in on Friday to teach so I could watch my son run at BU. He did great in his 800m race. He came in 17/186 at 1:51.48 a PR. Sunday was our great open house and then off to complete errands, as I was told we need food to eat!

CSW activities are ready to go! I am very excited for this week. This is always a fun week for the kids and staff alike. If you have any questions about the days and what to wear, please don't hesitate to email me.

Kickoff for Books for Babies: Students are asked to bring in new books to their Classrooms beginning Monday, January $29^{\text {th }}$ until Friday, February $2^{\text {nd }}$. The books will be distributed to UMASS Memorial NICU.

Valentine's Day: I will go over this with the kids also, but I know you would like to hear about it too. Yes, the students Can bring in Valentine's for their Classmates. I do require them to sign their name and address the valentine to each child in class. We will make bags in class for the kids to collect their cards.

Thank you to those of you that continue to purchase and sell the raffle calendars. Money and slips will need to be turned in no later than Wednesday, January $31^{\text {st }}$ as we begin picking names on February $1^{\text {st }}$. We do not have a total yet on our calendars, but I know we need to sell more to hit our goal of over 1000.

The book report for next quarter will be passed out this week. This book report is our big one for the year. It is part research part book report. The book will need to be a biography. Start thinking about a person you would like to know more about. I will take the names, and no one can report on the same person, on Friday, February $2^{\text {nd }}$. It would be helpful if the student had at least 2 names just in case someone else has the same person.

Report Cards were released on Edge last Friday. This is a great time to talk to your child about how to improve for the next quarter, put more effort into a certain subject that they struggle with, or just turn in neater work on a daily basis. These are all important goals for a successful $3^{\text {rd }}$ quarter.

Mark your Calendars for February $17^{\text {th }}-25^{\text {th }}$ ! This is our February break. I hope you have a wonderful time with family and friends during this time off from school.


## Onto Business....

Religion: This week we finish up Chapter 9, the first commandment. Father Dan has done a great job teaching the kids about this commandment and its importance. We will have an open book test on Wednesday. Our next Chapter will focus on the second commandment.

Math: I am very proud of my kids! They are working so hard on learning their facts and putting them to work each and every day with our newly taught concepts. This week we review 1 digit by 2 digit multiplication. We will then take it one step further and add in regrouping. We will also have a lesson on front end estimation. Please work at home on multiplication facts as often as you can. This will only make the next few math concepts so much easier. Thanks!

Science: We finish up an invertebrate activity to start the week and then we hop right into ecosystems and food chains. We will learn about the characteristics of an ecosystem and "who" are in them, such as producers, consumers and decomposers.

Reading: Last week Sam met one of his own- a human! He has been very accustomed to only hearing the sounds of nature, that to hear a human voice was different. The old woman was "taking" his strawberry crop to make jam. In all of that she pointed out something of importance to Sam, a falcon. We will learn about the adventure he takes to find his own falcon and how she will help provide for Sam.

Social Studies: We continue to learn about the land, people, and events that shaped the Southeast Region beginning with the main areas that include the coastal plains, the Piedmont, and the Appalachian mountain range. We will also learn about this region's climate and examine why hurricanes often occur from June until the end of November in the Southeast.

Language: This week we will have some fun learning Figurative Language and writing poetry! A few types of figurative language: simile, metaphor, idioms, hyperbole, personification, onomatopoeia and alliteration. Over time this month, we will be exploring these various forms of language and incorporating them into writing poetry.


## Our Calendar...

January $28^{\text {th }}$ : Catholic Schools Week Open House 10 AM -Noon January 29 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ : No Mass, Clash Day January $30^{\text {th }}$ : PJ Day<br>January $31^{\text {st: }}$ Career Day, Calendar Sales end<br>February $1^{\text {st: }}$. Mass 1 PM with Bishop MCManus Students are in full uniform please!!!

February 2 ${ }^{\text {nd: }}$ Color Day (grey), Ice Cream Friday
February $5^{\text {th }}$ : Mass 9 AM Assumption
February $6^{\text {th }}$ : Life Skills after sChool Class 2:45-3:15 PM
February $9^{\text {th }}$ : Pizza Slips due
February $12^{\text {th }}$ : No Mass
February $13^{\text {th }}$ : Life Skills 2:45-3:15
February $14^{\text {th }}$ : Mass- Ash Wednesday 9 AM, Happy Valentine's Day
February 15 th: Pizza Thursday Prek-3rd
February $16^{\text {th }}$ : Pizza Friday $4^{\text {th }}-8^{\text {th }}$
February $17^{\text {th }}$-February $25^{\text {th }}$ : February Break! Enjoy the week!

Have a great week!
$5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Math: We have a lot on our plate this week to learn about in math. We review divisibility and go over estimation. We tackle division with a teen as the divisor for the rest of the week. We will take a multiplication fact test at 4.5 minutes next week. We will then move it down to 4 minutes!
$5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Science: We finish up our study of chemistry this week with our test on Thursday. The study guide went home today, and we will review on Tuesday and Wednesday.

