



What is happening in the classroom...

I hope that everyone had a great break. It was a fun break for our family! We traveled back to IL for a week. We enjoyed family and friends that we have not seen in quite a while.

I would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year! Looking forward to what 2024 has to offer!

Our book report is due on January 12th. Please be sure that you did not misplace the directions for our Sandwich report. If you did, please check out the school website, the 4th grade page under academics, there is a copy there that you can print.

Mass is back at Assumption Church for the next two months.

There is a PTG meeting on Wednesday, January 10th. Looking forward to seeing you there. You will receive an hour of volunteer time.

On January 12th we will have our first ice cream Friday of 2024! This Ice Cream Friday has been paid for by someone in our class! Thank you for your kindness!

Mark your calendars as we have Monday, January 15th off of school in observance of MLK Jr. Day.

Just as a reminder second quarter ends Friday, January 19th. Please check Edge2day.com at least twice a week to see if your child is missing any homework or needs to boost up a grade!

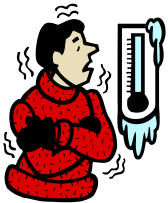
Please remember to dress for the weather each day. We really try to get the kids outside to expel some of their energy each day! Please label all winter gear!

We are still selling Calendar Raffles. The raffle will have its first winner on February 1st. We are trying to beat the number of calendars we sold last year. Thank you in advance for taking part in this fundraiser.

MAP testing begins this week and runs through January 26th. 4th and 5th grade will be testing on Thursday, January 18th and Friday, January 19th.

Next week our PE classes will experience a class about martial arts. Life Skills of MA will be here teaching the kids about the Martial Arts. It will be a nice change of pace for them. There will be more details coming soon from the office.

We hope to see you at *Un-Deck the Halls* on Monday, January 8th at 6:30. Thank you for volunteering for this task.



Onto Business...

Religion: We will look into the season on Christmas this week. We will talk about the season and its significance.

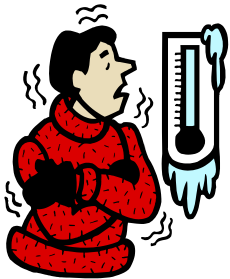
Math: To start the week, we will review addition and subtraction. On Thursday and Friday we will look at zeros in subtraction. Our addition check-ins will be at 4.5 minutes now. The kids did great on the 5-minute tests a few weeks ago. I am looking to have a test on Chapter 3 on January 17th.

Science: Before break we finished up our chapter on vertebrates. We are now entering the world of invertebrates. This week we cover identifying animals that are invertebrates and describing annelids, cnidarians, echinoderms and mollusks.

Reading: Our next novel is a favorite of mine called My Side of the Mountain. This is a great novel about a boy that lives off the land in Catskill Mountains of New York. We will read the author's preface to learn about the premise for this novel. The story starts in a flash forward to one of his worst nights in Catskills.

Language: Happy New Year!!! It's hard to believe we are almost half-way through the school year already! We will start off the new year working in Unit 8 in vocabulary and spelling. We will have our tests early next week due to the short week ahead. We will also continue our unit 2 study on nouns targeting nouns ending with y and nouns with special plural forms.

Social Studies: We have finished our study of the Northeast region and students did a great job on the lesson 3 test they took before the holiday break! We will now work on a short project to wrap up our unit study. Each student has been assigned one state from the Northeast region and will research and illustrate a six-square poster on their state in class this week.



Our Calendar....

January 1st: Happy New Year!

January 3rd: Return to school

January 6th: Epiphany

January 8th: Mass 9 AM, Assumption Church

January 8th: Undeck the Halls 6:30 PM, MAP testing begins

January 10th: PTG meeting 6:30 PM

January 12th: Book Report due, Ice Cream Friday

January 15th: No School MLK Jr. Day

January 16th: Mass 9 AM, Assumption Church

January 18th: MAP Testing 4th and 5th (Math)

January 19th: End of Quarter 2, MAP Testing 4th and 5th (ELA and Reading), Pizza Slips due

January 22nd: Mass 9 AM, Third Quarter begins

January 26th: Pizza Friday, Report Cards released, Rallies game for Catholic Schools Week

January 28th: Catholic Schools Week Open House 10 AM-Noon

January 29th: Mass 9 AM

January 31st: Calendar Sales end

Have a great week!

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5th Grade Math: Now that we are back from break, we will begin division. This week we will start with basic division and the parts of a division problem, Dividend, Divisor and Quotient. We will also start division patterns. I will continue the multiplication checkpoints once a week at 4.5 minutes.

5th Grade Science: We are loving our study of Chemistry in science. This week we will look at identifying characteristics of solids, liquids, gases, and plasma. We will then identify phase changes when heat is added.

Happy New Year!!!! I hope that everyone had a great break. We are finishing up the 2nd quarter, so continue to look at Edge2day to see if you child has any assignments to redo, make up, or complete.