

Mrs. Schwamborn's Class News

Week of January 29th, 2024

Happy Catholic School's Week!

This week will be packed with dress down days, special lunches, and fun activities! We kicked off our celebration on Friday with a very special assembly provided by **ReesSpecht Life**. During this hour long presentation the children learned a valuable lesson about kindness and heard a truly inspirational story about how one act of kindness and love has the power to transform someone even in their darkest moments. This message was a perfect companion to the Martin Luther King piece the children have just finished working with. Love and kindness are truly the most powerful forces out there. Each child went home with a card encouraging them to perform their own act of kindness and to help change the world on small act at a time. For more information, please click on the link <https://www.reesspechtlife.com/>.



This week in addition to celebrating Catholic Schools, we will be reading and working through lesson 13 in Journeys. This story is a Cherokee legend called **Yonder Mountain**. Legends are retold through generations because they contain important messages about life, including a culture's values. The story message, or lesson, of this legend is not directly stated. Instead, the author uses key details about the characters and plot events to convey the message.

To determine the story's message, the reader should think about the key details the author uses to describe why and how the story events unfold as they do. We will also be working on comparing and contrasting characters. When readers compare characters, they look for similarities, and when readers contrast characters, they look for differences. Comparing and contrasting characters helps readers understand more about the characters' traits and motivations. Our spelling words this week are all contractions and we will continue to learn about verb tenses in grammar.

We have completed our unit on area and will be learning about interpreting data through graphing. During this math unit, children will learn how to read various types of graphs as well how to create them. Please continue to practice multiplication facts daily. This week's test will be the 11's. Children who have not passed prior tests will be working on those before moving onto the 11's. Our ice cream sundae party is tentatively scheduled for the Friday before winter break. The last day to earn towards the sundae would be the Wednesday prior.

This past week the seventh graders came by to help us learn about early European explorers. They created some wonderful presentations and taught us some really fun song. Hopefully these presentations helped to spark some interest and get them started on their own projects. On Friday, they each received a packet for their explorer report. We spent a little over thirty minutes going over the directions, expectations and instructions page by page. They have a little over a month to complete this project - but please make sure they don't wait until the last minute.

In science each of them had a chance to be a meteorologist. They researched current weather statistics and used this data to create their own weather forecasts and reports. This week they will be learning about seasons.

So much happening this week in third grade. Our class will host the March school mass. Keep in mind Communion will be here you know it. Please refer to letter that was sent home in September for specific guidelines and time frames. I will email any updates or information that comes my way. Please direct all questions to Mrs. Dillingham over at the rectory.



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools has begun. I hope to see everyone at mass on Sunday!

Sunday January 28th

Celebrate Your Parish

9:15 am SJPII Regional Mass at St. Isidore's Parish (all families are encouraged to attend)

11-1pm Open House

Monday January 29th

Celebrate your Community

Special Lunch: Taco Bar

Activity: Student Dance Off

Dress Down Theme: Disco Fever!

Tuesday January 30th

Celebrate your Students

Special Lunch: Breakfast for Lunch

Activity: Faculty vs. 8th Grade Volleyball Game & Faith, Reason, Service Awards Ceremony

Dress Down Theme: Sports Jerseys/shirts

Wednesday January 31st

Celebrate the Nation

Special Lunch: Ice Cream Sundae Bar

Activity: LUNCH TIME BINGO

Dress Down Theme: Red, White & Blue!

Thursday February 1st

Celebrate Vocations

Special Lunch: McDonalds

Activity: Ask Fr. Piotr

Dress Down Theme: Any Vocation

Friday February 2nd

Celebrate Catholic School Faculty, Staff and Volunteers

11 AM DISMISSAL

Activity: PEP RALLY

Dress Down Theme: School Colors!

Virtual Book Fair

Be sure to check out our virtual book fair beginning on January 29th. You Can Shop Online at:

www.GoodNewsBookFair.com/Virtual-Fair

Enter Code SJP1124 at Checkout



iReady Diagnostic

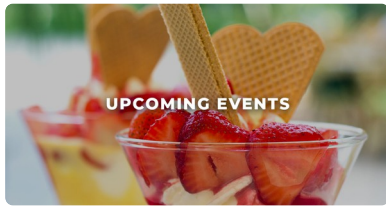
Congratulations third graders! The second iReady diagnostic has been completed. I am very proud of all of them. I will be sending home the results early this week. We have one more to go so please keep on those lessons. Children can access iReady at

home and complete lessons at home in addition to the time spent at school.

SJP Stuff

Clubs have started. Please be sure to update PUP if your child is staying. Extra help is on Mondays 2:30-3:00. Please update PUP if your child is staying for extra help. Remember to return your registration packets as soon as possible. Be sure to label your child's belongings. Sweatshirts have begun to accumulate, it's hard to tell whose is whose if they are not labeled. **Remember music folders and recorders every Friday.**





Important Dates

Sunday, January 28th - Catholic Schools Week Begins with our school at 9:15 and an Open House at 11 a.m.

Friday, February 2nd - Early Dismissal @ 11:00 a.m.

Friday, February, 9th - Early Dismissal @ 11:00 a.m.

Monday, February 12th - Build a Bear Event

Wednesday, February 14th - Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday

Monday, February 19th - President's Day and Winter Break Begins

“How do you spell love?” asked Piglet.

‘You don’t spell it, you feel it,’ said Pooh.” —A.A. Milne



Smore

Beautiful class updates in a snap

