

Mrs. Schwamborn's Third Grade News

Week of February 5th, 2024



Classroom Happenings

Another crazy week in the bag! Catholic School's week was so much fun. The children had a chance to participate in a dance off, played some lunchtime bingo, ate ice cream for lunch, learned about some amazing careers and celebrated each other at a pep rally. Despite all the fun and chaos of the week, we still managed

to get some learning in!

This week we started our unit on graphing. They learned about picture graphs, how to read them and how to make them. This week we will be working with bar graphs. This is a very quick and one of the easiest units this year. We should be wrapping it up and taking the test on Thursday. Our multiplication ice cream sundae challenge is wrapping up. This week will be 12's. I was originally planning to have the party on Friday, February 16th. I would still like to shoot for that day but I want to be sure everyone has a chance to earn their sundae. In order to attend and participate in the Sundae Celebration, each child **MUST** pass an all facts test. Depending on the results of that, I may push the party to the week we get back. I just want to be fair.

Our next story in Journeys is an informational text called **Aero and Officer Mike**. In this piece students will learn all about police dogs and the important role they play. Our target skill this week is Author's Purpose. Authors have a reason or reasons for writing. This is called the author's purpose. The author's purpose for writing something is not always stated but students can determine the author's purpose by thinking about what the author wants readers to know. We will also be learning how to summarize. Stopping periodically to summarize, or retell the important information, is a good strategy to use for reading informational text. Minor details should NOT be included in a summary. One way to summarize is to first determine and list the main ideas, then put these main ideas together in one statement. Our spelling words this week focus on ar, or and ore spelling patterns.

We will continue to learn about exploration and then events leading up to colonization. Each child received a copy of the explorer report. Please be sure your child works on this a little at a time. The packet is their notes. They will use these notes to write/type a well organized multi paragraph

paper. The packet clearly outlines what is to go in each paragraph or section of the paper. In Science we will finish up learning about seasons.

We will begin to prepare for our mass in March this week as well. With the week off it is important we start now as mass will be the Friday of the week we return. We will be attending public mass on Ash Wednesday. This is a 12:00 mass.

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



Build a Bear

Please join us for our first ever Build a Bear event. A flyer was emailed last week. Please be sure you turn it by February 7th. Late forms will not be accepted. This should be a very fun event for everyone. Who doesn't love a custom made bear. Make one for your self or one as a Valentine's Day gift.

Ash Wednesday

In 2024, like in every year, Ash Wednesday is the first day of the liturgical season of Lent. It always falls six and half weeks before Easter, beginning the Lenten season of preparation for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Ash Wednesday dates back to the 11th century. Yet, the tradition of receiving ashes has even earlier roots — to the ancient Hebrew custom of clothing oneself in sackcloth and dusting oneself with ashes as a sign of penance. Deacon Mike visited with the children last Wednesday. He spoke to them about praying the Rosary and about Lent. He encouraged them to do more rather than giving something up during the season of Lent. Please help and encourage your child to celebrate the season by finding something they can do to help others or the church.





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

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
Public Mass @ 12

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



♥ Valentine's Day ♥

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