



# Classroom Update

Hello parents and guardians of Saint Therese School's 4th and 5th Grade class!

Happy New Year, everyone! What a cold (and snowy) start to the new year it has been. I hope you were all able to stay warm, get some extra rest, and enjoy a little unexpected time together during those snow days. As we settle back into our routines, I wanted to share some important updates as we officially begin the second quarter.

As we begin the second quarter, I wanted to share a few important reminders, upcoming events, and an overview of what students will be learning as we move into February. This is a busy and exciting stretch of the school year, filled with academic growth, celebrations, and important moments in our liturgical calendar.

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## Important Dates & Reminders

- **Report Cards** will be sent out **via email on February 5th**.
- **Catholic Schools Week** runs from **February 2nd–6th**. Details about daily activities and dress-up days can be found in the school newsletter, *Growing Saints*.
- **February 12th** is a **half day**, and students will celebrate with a **Valentine's Party**.
- **February 13th–16th** is **Midwinter Break** — no school.
- **February 18th** is **Ash Wednesday**, marking the beginning of Lent.

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## Curriculum Updates

### Math

#### 4th Grade

- Students are working with **factors as they relate to fractions**, building connections between multiplication, division, and fraction relationships.

#### 5th Grade

- We are focusing on **dividing decimals**, applying place value understanding, and previously learned division strategies.

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### CKLA

#### 4th Grade – Eureka! Unit

Fourth graders are beginning an exciting new unit called **Eureka!** In this unit, students will participate in a collaborative “game show” experience. Working in teams, they will solve problems by designing creative inventions, which will then be “judged” by famous inventors and scientists such as **Thomas Edison**. This unit emphasizes teamwork, problem-solving, creativity, and communication.

#### 5th Grade

Fifth graders are finishing their unit on **Don Quixote** and **persuasive essay writing**. Afterward, they will transition into their next unit focused on the **Renaissance**, exploring its impact on art, science, and culture.

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### Theology

In Theology, students will be learning about the **Holy Spirit** and the **Pentecost**, deepening their understanding of the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church and in their own faith journeys.

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As always, thank you for your continued support and partnership. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions as we begin the new quarter.

Blessings and best wishes,

*Mr. Howard*