



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.

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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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.

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.

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