



Classroom Update

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

I hope everyone had a wonderful and restful Spring Break! Now that Reading Month has come to an end, we are settling back into our normal classroom routines and schedules. It has been great to see the students return refreshed and ready to learn as we move into this next stretch of the school year.

As we continue forward, I want to take a moment to revisit our classroom expectations. At Saint Therese Catholic School, we are guided by Catholic social teachings that emphasize being respectful, responsible, and safe. My classroom expectations reflect these values. Students are expected to be respectful to others, obedient to teachers, kind in their words and actions, responsible for themselves and their work, and to demonstrate self-control. In practice, this looks like following directions, taking care of personal and school belongings, treating classmates with kindness and respect, completing assigned work, and showing self-control by raising hands to speak, following our voice level chart, demonstrating empathy, and thinking before acting. Reinforcing these expectations helps us maintain a positive and productive learning environment for everyone.

I also want to include a quick reminder about our communication logs. Students are filling these out (almost) every day. Please take a moment each evening to glance through your child's log to see what they've been working on, check for any missing assignments (these will be circled), look for any notes from me, and sign somewhere on that day's page. Your support with this makes a big difference in keeping students organized and accountable.

Reminders & Upcoming Events

April 15th (Wednesday): We will have a special guest speaker visiting to teach students about the American flag.

April 17th: Spirit Day

Beginning April 20th: NWEA MAP Testing begins

April 24th: Uniform Holiday

May 1st: Spirit Day

Curriculum Updates

Math

4th Grade

Fourth graders are currently working in Unit 11, focusing on metric units, customary units, line plots, and units of time.

- Unit Test: Early next week (Monday or Tuesday, depending on testing schedule)
A great way to help at home is to practice unit conversions (for example: meters to millimeters, feet to inches, etc.).
- Our next unit will introduce geometry, where students will begin learning how to find the perimeter and area of shapes.

5th Grade

Fifth graders are working in Unit 9, focusing on multiplying fractions and mixed numbers.

- Unit Test: As early as this Friday
To help prepare, practicing basic multiplication facts is extremely beneficial, as these skills are the foundation for fraction multiplication.
- Our next unit will be focused on dividing fractions.

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4th Grade

Fourth graders have been reading a series of vignettes centered around the character Esperanza from *The House on Mango Street*. Through these readings, students are exploring perspective, pronouns, dialogue, and even bringing the stories to life through short performances. Moving forward, students will continue analyzing the text, learn additional figurative language techniques, and eventually create their own original vignettes.

5th Grade

Fifth graders are reading the Shakespearean classic *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Students are learning about Shakespeare's writing techniques, analyzing characters, and building confidence through acting and performance activities.

Theology

In Theology, we are learning about several important sacraments, including **Confirmation**, the **Anointing of the Sick**, and **Marriage**. Students are deepening their understanding of how these sacraments strengthen our faith and support us throughout different stages of life.

As always, thank you for your continued support of our classroom and school community. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Blessings and best wishes,

Mr. Howard