

Third News January 20th, 2017

Classroom News

Providence Child Center

We have begun our classroom preparations to visit Providence Center for Medically Fragile Children. Before the snow came, students met with 4th & 5th grade students about what to expect during their visits, how to interact with Providence friends and a chance to ask questions. Next week, students will meet with Kelly Schmidt to talk more about issues relating to the health and safety of our friends. Our visits to Providence provide us with the opportunity to live out our mission as Catholics to treat all children as brothers and sisters in Christ. I am humbled to be able to share this opportunity with your children. Your children may begin to ask you a lot of questions as this is a new experience for many of them. We will be reading an amazing book called Petey by Ben Mikaelson about a boy born with cerebral palsy in the 1920's who was misdiagnosed and grew up in an insane asylum. It is a very thought provoking book and it serves to both prepare the students for their visit to Providence and also challenges them to think. Please take the time to sit down and talk with your child about what they are learning.

No more germs!

We have a need for more hand sanitizer in our classroom. We have torn through our original supply. If you find yourself out and about please consider picking up a bottle or two to donate to keep our class healthy and germ free! Thank you in advance.

Apple Store Visit

We have reschedule our visit to the Apple Store for Thursday January 26th. We will be learning how to make interactive time lines using Keynote to report on the life of Martin Luther King Jr and his accomplishments. Look for a new permission slip in your child's folder. In addition, I will need a few volunteers to ride the MAX with us downtown. Please sign up on Volgistics if you are available to help. Thank you in advance.

Mystery Skype

This week we had the opportunity to connect with 2 other classrooms

via Skype. On Thursday, we had a Skype with the Wyoming State Museum. The director of education showed us around various parts of the state, and helped us learn about different animal adaptations of their local wildlife. We also got to Skype with a 5th grade class in Illinois. Only the teachers know the location ahead of time. Students use their critical thinking skills, geography knowledge and team work to ask yes or no questions to figure out where the other school or museum is located.

Curriculum Focus for Next Week

Religion

- Preparing for our upcoming visits to Providence
- Accepting and appreciating the differences of others

Reading

- Identifying the main idea and details
- The life of Martin Luther King Jr.

Writing

- Paragraph writing
- Beginning to identify key information for research

Math

- Memorize multiplication facts
- Properties of Multiplication
- Factors of 7, 8
- Multiplying 3 factors

Science/Social Studies

- Animal Adaptations
- How do animal adapt to their environment

School News

Coin Drive

It's time once again to clean out your couches, cars and piggy banks to help support our sister school in Salem. We will be kicking off our annual coin drive led by our own PreKindergarten starting Monday

January 23. The drive will only run for 1 week and all proceeds will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul School.

Catholic Schools Week

Our annual celebration of Catholic schools, National Catholic Schools Week, will take place January 29th to February 3rd, 2017. To kick off the week, we will hold a special Mass on Sunday, January 29th, at 9:00 am. All students are invited to participate in the Mass as greeters, readers, ushers, to carry the gifts, or join the procession. If you will be attending this Mass and your children would like to participate, please go to <https://goo.gl/forms/MIj4qopSrYeHR2dH3> to complete the online form.

Upcoming Events

January 23rd - Guest speaker Kelly Schmidt from Providence

January 24th - first Providence service trip

January 26th - Apple Store field trip