# Trachtenbarg Times

flbruary 29-March 3

## notes from mrs. trachtenbarg

#### WRITING

We have been working very hard on writing paragraphs. We have been focusing on writing strong topic sentences to get the reader's attention and to tell what the paragraph is about. Students should be bringing home a writing plan and using their plan to write a final draft. The more support you can give your child as they are learning this, the more successful they will be on their Wax Museum project. Thank you in advance for your help.

#### LIVING WAX MUSEUM

The students have all chosen their historical figure for the Wax Museum. Each night the students should be reading their book and recording at least 5 sticky notes about their chosen person's life. They will also need to be reading from a secondary source, either a book source or an academic journal or magazine. The students have access to the OSLIS system to do internet research. The directions for how to access this were in the newsletter email today. The students need to have their books read no later than March 11th. We will be working on the graphic organizer and writing their reports in class the week of March 14th.

#### DOUGH FOR DOLLARS

Join us at Pizzicato, 505 NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> for Dough for Dollars. Pizzicato will give Cathedral School a percentage of their sales. You can feed your family a delicious pizza dinner and raise money for Cathedral at the same time!

#### PORTLAND YOUTH PHILHARMONIC CONCERT

We will be headed to the Portland Youth Philharmonic on Wednesday March 9th. It is a really fun opportunity to learn about different instruments. We will be walking that day to the concert hall. Please pack a sack lunch that does not require a microwave for you child. We will be eating lunch in the classroom before we leave.

Have a wonderful weekend!

## SLE of the Week

### Be a Good Citizen

I use my talents and gifts to help all of God's creations

### Upcoming Events

<u>3/4</u> - No School - Spring Conferences

3/8 - Dough for Dollars Night at Pizzicato

<u>3/9</u> - Portland Youth Philharmonic Concert

3/15 - Reconciliation during religion class @8:30 Providence Visit @9:30

Hot Lunch

Subway - 2/19 No School - 3/4

# this week in third grade

<u>religion</u>	<u>reading</u>	<u>writing</u>	<u>ma+h</u>	<u>science</u>	<u>social studies</u>
THE GOOD NEWS	DRAWING CONCLUSIONS	PARAGRAPH WRITING	UNDERSTANDING FRACTIONS		GOVERNMENT
What is the Good News?	Wax Museum preparations	ldentifying topic sentences	Benchmark fractions		How a bill becomes a law
ldentify the four gospels	Asking & Answering questions about	Writing transitions	Fractions and length Making a table		Local, State & National levels of government
Describe the Kingdom of God	the text Thinking beyond	Writing strong conclusions	9		
Jesus teaches us in parables	the text  Drawing  conclusions about				
	what you read				