

Third News March 3rd

Classroom News

Pretzels for Lent

The 3rd graders did an amazing job of leading the school in the celebration of Ash Wednesday. We have spent a good deal of time in Religion class talking about our call to pray, fast and give alms during this season of Lent. On our classroom bulletin board you will see a tree with our Lenten promises tucked inside paper rolls. During the season of Lent, the students are invited to put a leaf on the tree when they take the time to say an extra prayer, fast or go out of their way to do something for others. It is a fun visual to watch our class grow in our faith as we move through this season.

Next week we will be focusing on the connection between the pretzel and Lent. We will be looking at the history behind this Lenten tradition and making pretzels. If you would like to volunteer to help us make pretzels next Tuesday from 8:30-9:30 please sign up on Volgistics.

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.

Living Wax Museum

The students chose the historical figure they would like to research for the Wax Museum. I sent home a sheet outlining important dates and other important information today. Starting next week, 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 students need to have their book about their historical figure read no later than March 10th. We will be working on the graphic organizer and writing their reports in class the week of March 13th.

Curriculum Focus for Next Week

Religion

- Pretzels and Lent

Reading

- Drawing conclusions based on the information in the text

Writing

- What is a topic sentence
- Planning and writing paragraphs

- Creating informational reports about Frogs

Math

- Division fact families
- Division games to practice facts from 0-10

Science/Social Studies

- How the past shapes the future of a town
 - Portland then and now project

School News**Auction**

I am looking forward to celebrating with you at our auction this weekend.

Conferences

Friday March 10th is a half-day scheduled for Parent/Teacher conferences. Unlike fall conferences, not all families will have a conference scheduled. I will contact you if I think it's necessary to touch base about your child's progress.

Upcoming Events

3/4 - Cathedral Auction

3/9 - Reconciliation @ 8:30

Portland Philharmonic Concert field trip

3/10 - 11:30 Dismissal

3/14 - Providence Visit