# Trachtenbarg times

January 25-29

## notes from mrs. trachtenbarg

This week we welcomed Jack Harrington to our class. We have had a fun week getting to know him and showing him all of the wonderful things about Cathedral. Please join me in welcoming Jack and his family to the Cathedral community. SCIENCE

We had a lot of fun with our buddies this afternoon extracting DNA from Strawberries during our MakerSpace time. Next week we will continue to look at how our DNA and traits can be influenced by our environment.

#### READING LOGS?

You may have noticed the nightly reading & math logs have stopped coming home. This is not a mistake. In lieu of the forms, I take the time to meet with each child once a week to discuss their reading and check for comprehension of skills. In addition, we are now using the program XtraMath to check for multiplication facts. Students will continue to practice their multiplication facts in class daily until they demonstrate mastery. Each week I will send home the graph showing your child's progress and what facts they need work on. You can also use this program at home.

#### COIN DRIVE

The coin drive to support St. Vincent de Paul school continues next week. The Pre-Kindergarten will announce the totals at the assembly on Friday. The goal is to raise \$500 total. If everyone in the school brings in \$2.00 we will reach our goal. Clean out your couches, cars and piggy banks to help support our sister school in Salem.

#### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

The teachers and staff are busy planning events for our upcoming Catholic Schools Week celebration. Students should begin thinking about who they would like to invite to Special Friends' Breakfast. Every student is encouraged to bring an adult guest (Grandparent, Aunt, Uncle, etc.) to join them for a scrumptious pancake breakfast, a tour of the school & Mass.

#### FREE DRESS PASS

We encourage all students to wear their uniforms to Mass on January 3 lst to kick off Catholic Schools Week. All students who wear their uniforms to any parish will receive a free dress pass on Monday. The date of the Free Dress will be determined at a later date. I also encourage all students to participate in the kick off Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral. If your child is interested please complete the form http://goo.gl/forms/8w90QTF2aN

Have a wonderful weekend!

# SLE of the Week

Be Christ-like

I am committed to serving others

#### upcoming Events

<u>I/I9-I/29</u> - Coin drive for St. Vincent de Paul School

<u>1/31 - 2/4</u> -Catholic Schools Week

<u>2/4</u> - Talent Show @6:30

<u>2/5</u> - No School

2/10 - 3rd Grade Ash Wednesday Mass @8:30

## Hot Lunch

Quesadillas - 1/25 Taco Chili - 1/29

## 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>
WEDNESDAY MASS PLANNING Students choose	BLACK HISTORY MONTH  Read a short biography of a famous black historical figure  Determine important facts about their lives  Identify main idea about why they should be remembered in history and details to support your thinking	HISTORY BIOGRAPHY  Identify main ideas and supporting details about the lives of black historical figures  Use app "Poplet" to organize our notes	MEANINGS OF DIVISION  Writing division stories  Topic 7 Review  Topic 7 Test  *Students should continue to practice memorizing their multiplication facts	GENETICS  Alien babies – draw an alien and work with a partner to determine the possible traits of the baby  How traits can be influences by their environment	