

First Grade News January 27th, 2017

Classroom News

Next week is Catholic Schools week, this is a special time to celebrate Catholic education. Throughout the week we will have many different events that focus on the value Catholic education provides to our students and our community. More detailed information on Catholic Schools Week can be found below in School News.

P.O.W. – Mark your calendar, on Wednesday, February 8th the first grade will be leading our school prayer service in the gym first thing in the morning. The first graders will be focusing on love in our world and have already drafted sweet messages to share with our community. We hope to see you there!

Stores are already stocked for Valentine's day! If your child wants to bring Valentines, (this is optional) they must have 1 for every student. We will exchange Valentines on Tuesday, February 14th. Please do not write student names on Valentines. Our Valentine exchange will go a lot faster if names are left blank. Thank you for understanding and helping make this a fun activity! We have 17 students in our class.

If you have not yet returned the walking field trip permission slip, please ensure that it is returned to school on Monday. Thank you for your help in making this service opportunity possible.

Curriculum Focus for Next Week

Religion

Next week we will learn about the holy family. We will also have many special events as part of Catholic Schools Week.

Reading

We will continue to focus on questioning. We will read informational text and demonstrate curiosity. We will think and wonder about information. We will ask questions about the text we are reading.

Writing

We will continue to focus on procedural writing. All students have used their pirate treasure maps to write a how-to that explains how to get to their hidden treasure. Check these out on our class bulletin board.

Math

Next week we will begin topic 5, which focuses on addition facts to 20. We will be using doubles, making ten, and many other strategies to practice adding number sentences with sums of 20 or less.

Science/Social Studies

Next week we will finish our study of earth. First graders will be able to describe aspects

of our world. We will kick off our science unit on light by learning about Groundhogs day and shadows.

School News

Catholic Schools Week Schedule

Sunday, 1/29

Faith, Knowledge, Service: In Our Parish

*Mass at St. Mary's, 9 a.m.

*Open House, 10- 12:30

Monday, 1/30

Faith, Knowledge, Service: In Our Community

*Author Visit, Mike Thaler

Tuesday, 1/31:

Faith, Knowledge, Service: In Our Students

*2nd and 4th grade to St. Vincent DePaul School

*Buddy classes make cards for local citizens in service

Wednesday, 2/1

Faith, Knowledge, Service: In Our Nation

*Special Friends Breakfast, 7:50

*Mass, 9:30 a.m.

*Virtual Field Trips using Nearpod

Thursday, 2/2

Faith, Knowledge, Service: In Our Vocations

*Talent Show, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Friday, 2/3

Faith, Knowledge, Service: In Our Families

*Empathy Kick Off Assembly

*Family Groups play board games

Snow Day Calendar Changes

Feb. 3rd, Regular School Day (previously Teacher Faith Formation Day)

Feb. 20th, Regular School Day (President's Day)

Feb. 21st, Regular School Day (previously In-service Day)

March 10th, Half Day (11:30 dismissal), Conferences

April 14th, Regular School Day (Good Friday), Stations of the Cross, time to be determined

Upcoming Events

January 29 – Catholic Schools Week Mass @ 9:00 & Open house

February 1 – Special Friend's Breakfast

February 2 – Talent Show @ 7:00

February 3 – Regular School Day

February 8 – First grade leads P.O.W.