

Mrs. Alexis Anjomshoaa Brown's Newsletter

March 2019

Dates to remember:

- March 1 - All School Mass 9:00 am
- March 4 thru 7 - Accreditation Team Visits
- March 6 - Ash Wednesday All School Mass 9:00 am
- March 8 - Second Trimester Ends
- March 14 - All School Mass 9:00 am
- March 15 - NO SCHOOL
- March 21 - Spirit Day
- March 22 - All School Mass 9:00 am
- March 29 - All School Mass 9:00 am

Stewardship

Last month we did not visit Madison Avenue House due to snow days and winter break. However, we will renew our Stewardship Project with the Madison Avenue House and go two times this month. We will continue to split the class into smaller groups for the stewardship project. This provides a better opportunity for the students to spend quality time with the residents. Half of the class will visit the residents at Madison Avenue House and the other half will spend time in the library. It is recommended that the students bring a book to read at the library when it is their turn. The students will be walking down and visiting on Friday March 1 and Friday March 22.

Language Arts: Reading & Writing

- The 5th/6th grade class is currently reading the book *Island of the Blue Dolphin* by Scott O'Dell.
- Everyday the class discusses the reading assignment and complete reading comprehension worksheets to deepen their understanding and create connections with the book.
- The class will do a mini-research essay comparing the story in *Island of the Blue Dolphin* with the facts that inspired the book.
- After completing the Mini-research essay, the class will move on to their next book *Al Capone Does My Shirts* by Jennifer Choldenko.
- The word of the month for March is Flexibility. The class will be thinking about the word means and examples of flexibility.
- The next Independent Book Project, Adventure Fiction or nonfiction, is due April 30. This IBP will be introduced in the middle of March for student to begin thinking about which book they would like to read for their project. The students have the option of doing a traditional book report or another creative alternative. The creative alternative will be determined by the class. The details of this project will be sent home and emailed.

Mathematics

5th Grade: The 5th grade class is working in Chapter 4: Multiplying and Dividing Fractions and Mixed Numbers. This chapter has 7 sections and I anticipate it will take about a month to complete. They will take section quizzes every other week and a chapter test towards the end of March. This chapter is more challenging because it has many different kinds of word problems. These are great for real world situations but take more time to understand and master. They will take a Chapter 4 Test at the end of the month. The class will then move on to the next chapter, Chapter 5: Algebra.

6th Grade: The 6th grade class is currently working on Chapter 6: Percent. This chapter is a short chapter but we are taking our time as this is a challenging chapter for the students. The class will take quizzes every other week to prepare for their test. They will prepare and hopefully take a Chapter 6 Test in the middle of March. They will then move on to Chapter 7: Algebraic Expressions.

Religion

The 5th/6th grade Religion class completed a Chapter 4 Test and are ready to move on to the next chapter, Chapter 6: Baptism and Confirmation. This will begin the class' dive into exploring and understanding the seven sacraments for the rest of the year. Next Tuesday, March 5th, is the day before the season of Lent begins. In Catholic tradition, it is a day to eat and get ready for Lent. It is also known as Fat Tuesday, Mardi Gras, Shrove Tuesday or Carnival. We will have a small celebration in class to eat some snacks and make masks. The next day is Ash Wednesday, this begins Lent. The class will go to mass and identify the three main commitments for Lent: Prayer, Fasting & Alms Giving. It will be a great time for the class to reflect on what they can sacrifice for 40 days and prepare for a deeper understanding/experience of Lent.