

# Mrs. Alexis Anjomshoaa Brown's Newsletter

February 2021

## Dates to remember:

- February 1-5: Catholic Schools Week & MAP Testing
- February 8: No School - Teacher Retreat
- February 9: No School - Student Conferences as needed
- February 11: Spirit Day - Wear Red for Valentine's Day!
- February 15: No School - Presidents Day
- February 16: No School - Winter Break
- February 17: Ash Wednesday @ 8:35 am
- February 23: IBP due & presentation

## Language Arts:

### Reading

- Students will begin the novel Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell.
- The class will be defining key vocabulary words and answering chapter questions to support a deeper understanding of the book.
- The students will participate in several fun activities to supplement their daily reading assignments, including drawing their version of the island.
- Each student will work on their Independent Book Project (IBP) which is based on any book from the Science Fiction or Fantasy book genre. These projects are due on Tuesday, February 23.

### Writing

- The class will continue with their daily creative writing assignments in their journals.
- The students will also write a three paragraph essay for the word of the month. February's word of the month is Mend.
  - Students will use editing notation to review their own writing and their peers work.

- Students will use rubrics to reflect on their writing and give themselves a letter grade.

## Mathematics:

Green group math: The green group will finish Chapter 3: Fractions and Mixed Numbers. They will take a chapter 3 test at the beginning of February and move on to Chapter 4: Multiplying and Dividing Fractions and Mixed Numbers. In this chapter students will learn how to multiply and divide whole numbers, proper fractions, improper fractions, and mixed numbers in any combination. The class will get daily homework assignments and quizzes every other week to prepare for the chapter test.

Red group math: The red group math will begin Chapter 5: Rates. In this chapter the students will extend concepts learned with fractions and ratios to rates. They will use unitary method and bar models to find rates and unit rates, and solve real-world problems. The class will get daily homework assignments and quizzes every other week to prepare for the chapter test. This is a short chapter. Therefore, the red group will take a Chapter 5 test before the end of the month and move on to Chapter 6: Percents.

## Art:

- **Pop Art** - Students will participate in the school wide art project and design a pop art poster. Pop art images are simple, bold and inspired by everyday objects vibrant with colors.
- **Valentine Animals** - In celebration of Valentine's Day, the class will draw cute little illustrations of pandas, bunnies, foxes or dogs with a colorful backdrop.
- **Rock Painting** - Students will use a large rock and acrylic paints to decorate.

