



## What is happening in the classroom...

I hope that everyone had a great break. Mine was full of relaxing! This is the first time we have not traveled back to IL, to be with family at the holidays. Over break we celebrated birthdays, mine and my son's and of course the holidays! While it was a very different holiday, it was enjoyable!

*I would like to start off by thanking each of you for my awesome Christmas gift. The class gave me a cash present-which was very generous and much appreciated. Thank you all for the gifts above and beyond the class gift!!*

Our book report is due on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please be sure that you did not misplace the directions for our Sandwich report. I will be posting it to the website this week.

There is a PTG meeting on Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see you at the Zoom meeting. We welcome your ideas. You will receive an hour of volunteer time.

Just as a reminder second quarter ends Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. Please check [Edge2day.com](http://Edge2day.com) at least twice a week to see if your child is missing any homework or needs to boost up a grade!

**Please remember to dress for the weather each day. We really try to get the kids outside to expel some of their energy each day! Please label all winter gear!**

Calendar Raffle is here! The drawings began this week. I hope that we are winners in this annual fundraiser! Good luck!

We are slowly, but surely learning cursive in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. The kids are enjoying it. I hope to cover about 4 letters a week.

Boxtops for Education: Remember to download the app on your phone to collect money for Assumption that way too!



## Onto Business...

**Religion:** Last week we talked about the season of Christmas. This week we begin chapter 6 which is where we discuss reconciliation and God's mercy. It is a fun chapter where we learn about God's mercy and how loving and forgiving he is.

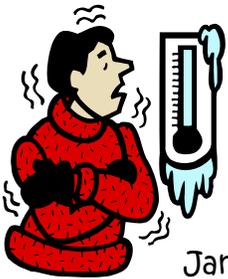
**Math:** Our math goals for this year are going to take off as we begin multiplication. I will begin work on multiplication facts here at school. We will have worksheets that work on one digit at a time (so all 2's 3's and so on.... 2x2 2x3 2x4). Our goal for our test is 100 problems in 5 minutes earning an 85% or better. This week we will also study the concepts of: multiplication properties, special factors, and multiplying by 1-digit numbers (23 x 2).

**Science:** We begin our study of invertebrates this week as we learn about identifying animals that are invertebrates, identifying annelids, cnidarians, echinoderms, characteristics of arthropods and insects. We go in depth on describing metamorphosis of insects.

Reading: Our next novel is a favorite of mine called Mr. Popper's Penguins. This is a fun and quick novel to read. Mr. Popper wants to explore the Poles and avidly reads about it. We will learn this week how he meets his first penguin.

Language: Happy New Year Families!!! Let's hope 2021 brings on continued good health, Blessings, and brighter days in the year ahead for all of us!!! Students wrapped up their Christmas Story writing by illustrating a book and sharing it with the class on Thursday & Friday before the Christmas break. They did a wonderful job and are a Class that truly loves creative writing! We will start off the new year with Unit 7 in Vocabulary & Spelling this week. Our tests will both be on Friday.

Social Studies: We begin the new year with Lesson 3 in social studies by focusing on our rights as well as our responsibilities as citizens of the United States as described in both the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Students will compare and contrast citizens "Rights vs. Responsibilities" and classify terms on a chart such as obeying laws, paying taxes, serving on juries, voting, attending school etc... We end the week with a story about Honesty & Doing the Right Thing in connection with building character and Good Citizenship.



## Our Calendar....

January: MAP testing (I will let you know the days we are testing)

January 4<sup>th</sup>: Return to school

January 7<sup>th</sup>: PTG meeting via Zoom

January 18<sup>th</sup>: No School MLK Jr. Day

January 29<sup>th</sup>: Quarter 2 ends

January 31<sup>st</sup>-February 5<sup>th</sup>: Catholic Schools Week

February 5<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report Cards go home

Have a great week!

Mrs. Olson ☺

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5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math: Now that we are back from break, with hopefully minimal snow days, we are getting right back into our study of division. Our focus this week is on division with zeros in the quotient, and more division practice. I will continue the quizzes once a week at 4.5 minutes.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science: We are loving our study of Chemistry in science. This week we will observe and describe cohesion, surface tension, and adhesion. We have a very cool experiment to do this week too with pennies and a dropper. We will also observe physical changes, and the physical properties of matter. We will have another fun experiment to do with viscosity this week.