

Classroom News By: Mrs. Marler



The Parent Connection

Religion

The students just had a test on Chapter 8, "*Proclaim the Kingdom*." During class, we read parables and were able to interpret the meaning of the stories. We also read about Jesus' miracles and the students created interesting poems as songs as the retold the stories. They also created pictures that interpreted a parable, which included the setting and symbols.

Next week, my homeroom has the privilege of doing the readings for Mass. (Friday, February 3rd.) If you can attend, we would love to see you!

Reading

The students continue reading *Esperanza Rising*. The literary devices that the students are working on are symbolism and figurative language. The fifth graders are also learning how to do a 3-2-1 while reading the chapters. These reading strategies help the students predict, question, connect and summarize. So far I have heard positive feedback from the students; they are truly enjoying the novel.

English

In English, the students are working on a futuristic narrative which we named, "*Where Will I be in 2033?*" Students are completing the writing process and at this time we are into our 2nd drafts. These stories are quite interesting. We will be presenting these stories next Thursday during our open house.

Social Studies

The students have finished Ch. 4 *European Settlement*. Their test is scheduled this Friday, January 27th.

We have started our unit projects. Groups have met and research has been found. Students should have a timeline posted as to when parts of the project are due. The information is also on my web page. Next week, we will continue to work on the projects in class. All materials were due today, however, students can continue to bring in items for Monday. Our goal is not to come to class empty handed or without research typed. This can cause some groups to fall behind. I will continue to meet with each group to go over their progress. Student participation is extremely important.

School Dates

1/28: Pack the Pews.
1/29-2/3: Catholic School's Week.
1/30: Report Cards go home.
1/30: Roller Skating 4:30-6:30.
2/2: Open House
2/3: Feast of St. Blaise

Classroom Dates

1/27: Biographies are due.
1/27: Social Studies Test
1/30-2/3: Work on S.S. Projects.
2/2: Student's present: "Where Will I Be in 2033?"
2/3: Mrs. Marler's Homeroom: Mass Readings

Happy Birthday

February Birthdays

Sophia 2/6
Jimmy 2/8
Jessica 2/15
William 2/19
Colin 2/26



Classroom Information

*Pack the Pews is Saturday during the 5pm mass. There will be a designated spot for the 5th grade students. Please come in uniform.

*Please help us replenish supplies. Some students need new crayons, markers, glue sticks and scissors. Please ask your child if they need anything!

*Third quarter has started. Let's start this quarter right! Our goal: a minimal amount of red slips.