



# Mrs. Granato's Classroom Connections



## Reminders:

- Please make sure your child has packed their recorder for Music every Friday. They will need these for music class.
- As the weather (and our classroom!) gets chillier, please be sure your child has an SJS uniform appropriate sweater they can utilize in the classroom if needed.

## What Did We Learn This Week?

**Religion:** In religion, students discussed ways of being closer to God. They learned of the rich man Jesus had met. When Jesus asked the rich man to give up all of his wealth and follow Jesus, the man refused. We discussed that being generous is one way to follow Jesus. We also discussed how the Ten Commandments bring us closer to God when we follow them.

**Reading:** Students learned how most fiction texts follow a chronological or sequential text structure and contain 5 common elements: setting, plot, characters, a problem, and a resolution. Students learned how to identify these elements in folktales to better retell key events and identify specific beliefs or values of a culture. To relate to our Native Americans unit, students were able to look at *Earth on Turtle's Back*, a Native American Folktale about creation. Students will be using the story elements within this text to create their own retellings of the folktale.

**Math:** Students reviewed for and took their Simple Solutions Quiz this week. In addition, students subtracted three-digit numbers with regrouping. We learned to check our work for reasonableness by using the inverse operation of addition.

**ELA:** In English, we learned that some nouns have different spellings when changed to a plural (i.e. tooth= teeth). We also learned how to distinguish between singular possessive nouns and plural possessive nouns. In writing, students continued working on a creative writing project where they got to pretend to be a real estate agent. Students used their knowledge of sensory details and exact nouns to write a compelling ad for a haunted house.

**Social Studies:** Students worked hard this week to complete their Native Americans tribe projects. They were able to add their final touches to their posters. On Monday, each group will be presenting their poster to the class.

**Science:** Students compared and contrasted various roof materials that are often used. They analyzed how weather may affect a chosen roof material throughout the seasons. They also brainstormed how they could protect a specific roof material better as the seasons change. Finally, students took their Seasonal Weather Changes quiz. Next week, we will begin our last weather lesson on weather hazards.

## Upcoming Events:

Monday, Oct. 29

- Reading Log Due
- Spirit Wear Day

Tuesday, Oct. 30

Wednesday, Oct. 31

- Unit 2 ELA Test
- Halloween! (Party in Afternoon)

Thursday, Nov. 1

- All Saints Day (Mass @ 9:00 am)

Friday, Nov. 2

- Session 8 Open Book Religion Quiz
- Reading Vocabulary Quiz
- No Mass
- End of Trimester 1

**Parent/Teacher Conferences are on 11/8 and 11/9**

## Halloween Info:

We will be having a Halloween party on Wednesday, Oct. 31 in our classroom. Students can bring costumes to school in their backpacks to change into prior to the party.

Costumes must be appropriate (no weapons or masks). Please note that no candy is allowed. Thank you!