



Mrs. Granato's Classroom Connections



Reminders:

- Conference schedules went home today with oldest/only children.
- 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, we learned about the story of Jesus and Peter. Students read the story of Peter the fisherman. Jesus accepted Peter as he was, and Jesus called on him to bring others to God. Students learned that there were 12 apostles that were chosen by Jesus to continue his mission. Students saw that by trusting in Jesus, we continue his mission to proclaim the Kingdom of God. We also enjoyed attending our All Saints' Day Mass on Thursday!

Reading: Students learned that there are common elements within folktales (traditional artwork, characters that use trickery, characters who are often animals, etc.). To relate to our Native Americans unit, students read *Earth on Turtle's Back*, a Native American Folktale about creation. Students used their knowledge of fiction story elements and elements of folktales to create their own retellings of the folktale. Students also drew what they visualized in the story.

Math: Students finished up their subtraction unit this week in addition to some fun Halloween Math activities! Our last lesson focused on subtracting across zeros. Students were able to use their knowledge of place value to understand that you must "go next door" and regroup for subtraction problems such as 4,000-359. Next week, we will review chapter 3 and take our test on Wednesday. Please encourage your child to continue practicing their fact fluency at home! We do Rocket Math 2-3 times per week!

ELA: In Writing Workshop, students learned what a good reflective narrative writing piece looks like through examples, rubrics, and independent writing. They reflected on their First Holy Communion and wrote about their experience. Students focused on how the events throughout the day made them feel.

Social Studies: This week, students presented their Native American tribe posters. I am impressed with how well students worked to complete this challenging research project! At the end of the week, we began our next unit on early communities in history. Students read about three explorers and identified their goals and accomplishments.

Science: Students learned about various weather hazards this week in science. Specifically, we read about the damaging effects of thunderstorms, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, and droughts. We discussed dust storms and sandstorms. Students were intrigued by the effects the Dust Bowl had in 1935!

Upcoming Events:

Monday, Nov. 5

- Pizza with a Purpose

Tuesday, Nov. 6

Wednesday, Nov. 7

- **Ch. 3 Math Test**
- Second Step
(Homelink Due)
- Report Card
Distribution

Thursday, Nov. 8

- **Session 9 Open Book
Religion Quiz**
- **Weather Unit Test**
- Early Dismissal @
1:30 pm
- P/T Conferences
2:00-7:00 pm

Friday, Nov. 9

- No Classes for
Students
- P/T Conferences
8:00-11:00 am

**Picture retakes will be on
Tuesday, November 13.**