



# Mrs. Granato's Classroom Connections



## Reminders:

- Our long-term sub, Mrs. Meyer, will be joining us in the classroom on Tuesday and Thursday. It will be a great opportunity for her to get to know the children as well as our classroom procedures.
- Friday is Special Lunch. Students should pack a beverage.

## What Did We Learn This Week?

**Religion:** Students learned about Sacraments and Sacramentals. These are events or objects that bring you closer to Jesus. We discussed that Jesus is present at all times through Mass and the Sacraments. Students were also told the story of the Roman Officer and Jesus. Through this story, we see that we need to have faith in Jesus at all times, especially in times of struggle.

**Reading:** The students learned that fiction writers often set a tone for their stories using words and illustrations. We discussed how determining the tone and understanding fiction story elements can help students identify the big idea or theme of a story.

This week, students reviewed morals. We discussed how story elements (characters, setting, plot, problem, solution, and theme) can help students infer the moral or lesson of a story.

**ELA:** This week, students learned about the third verb tense (future). Students also reviewed how to combine sentences that share the same subject. In Writer's Workshop, students based a writing piece on the mentor text, *Snowmen at Night*. They wrote about what their snowman would do at night using character traits and sensory details.

**Math:** We continued our division chapter practicing many strategies for solving division problems. Students learned that we can use repeated subtraction, a number line, or division as equal sharing. Students also learned the meaning behind dividend, divisor, and quotient and how these relate to multiplication! We are wrapping up our division chapter and will be testing on Wednesday.

**Science:** This week in science, students learned about different climate zones (temperate, tropical, and polar) and discovered their characteristics. By comparing and contrasting, students were able to understand that these climate zones are different due to temperature and precipitation. They are similar because they are all determined by location.

**Social Studies:** Students identified where early settlers in Canada came from. They also compared and contrasted how independence was gained in the U.S. and Canada. In addition, we discussed how the past is evident in Canada today through language, symbols, and the government. Students prepared for their test and concluded the week with the assessment.

## Upcoming Events:

Monday, Dec. 10

- Reading Log Due

Tuesday, Dec. 11

- Mrs. Meyer Shadowing

Wednesday, Dec. 12

- Second Step
- Sandwich Ministry
- Ch. 5 Math Test

Thursday, Dec. 13

- Unit 12 Spelling Test
- Mrs. Meyer Shadowing

Friday, Dec. 14

- Mass
- Session 13 Open Book Religion Quiz
- Special Lunch

## Christmas Info:

Our Christmas Party will take place the afternoon of Wednesday, December 19.

The Christmas Concert will be on Thursday, December 20 at 2:00 pm.