



Mrs. Granato's Classroom Connections



By Mrs. Meyer

Information:

Mrs. Granato and her baby are home. Students made cards for Mrs. Granato and they will be delivered soon. Our first week together went well. Remember, Mrs. Meyer can be contacted through email at smeyer@stjameschoolah.org

What Did We Learn This Week?

Religion: This week in Religion, students learned how important Mary is to the church. They read about how when we pray the Rosary, we are honoring Jesus and Mary's lives. Students also learned how Mary was visited by an angel, Gabriel, who told her she would have the Son of God. This is called the Annunciation. Students also learned about the visitation, when Mary told her cousin, Elizabeth, what Gabriel had told her. Upon hearing this news, Elizabeth told Mary she was having a baby too! He would grow up to be John the Baptist.

Reading: Students worked diligently in class to read the first book by their author. They worked hard identifying key information needed for the final project. **Please remind students that Author Study Book #1 Packets are to be completed and returned on Monday, January 14th.** Please make sure your child has their second book when they return to school on Monday.

ELA: In English, students reviewed how adjectives describe nouns. They learned that adjectives can make writing more detailed and/or interesting. In Writer's workshop, students listed and brainstormed reasons why they love St. James School. Using this, students learned how to create a web so they may expand on their reasons. This will be used to create their body paragraphs of a writing piece. We ended the week with students preparing for Aspire by completing a sample prompt in an Aspire-like testing environment. Next week, we will be using their work and rubrics to see what areas we can strengthen in as writers.

Math: This week in math, students began Chapter 6 which observes patterns in multiplication and division. We first took a look at the multiplication table and discussed what patterns students saw overall. When then took a closer look at multiplying and dividing by 2. Students were able to see that when multiplying any number by 2, they will always have a product that is an even number. They also learned how to divide numbers by two by partitioning each object into two groups. Students observed patterns when multiplying by 5's and dividing by 5's. We will continue to be working on two step word problems.

Science: This week in science, students learned about climate change and the greenhouse effect. Students learned how greenhouse gases (such as carbon dioxide) trap the sun's energy and heat the earth. In addition, students learned how scientist can use a tree's rings to determine the climate of a specific place. For example, if scientists find a tree has wider rings, the climate in which the tree resides is a warmer climate with more precipitation.

Social Studies: Student learned about St. Louis in the 1800's and how it's location and economy shaped it into a "big city". Students also learned how to read a line graph. They learned that line graphs use lines and dots to show how things change over time.

Upcoming Events:

Monday, Jan. 14

- Author Study Packet #1 Due

Thursday, Jan. 17:

- Religion Session #15 Quiz

Friday, Jan. 18:

- Reading Vocab Quiz
- Spelling Unit #14 Test
- Midterm

Important Dates:

Third and fourth grade will be making blankets during Catholic School Week, but we need your help in advance. We are in need of 2 yard pieces of fleece or monetary donations. If you are able to donate fabric, please send in two coordinating pieces of fleece (one patterned piece and one solid colored piece). Please send all donations no later than **Wednesday, January 23rd**. Thank you for your support!!

Scholastic Book Orders have been sent home. You can order online at scholastic.com/readingclub. Orders are due by **Friday, Feb. 1st**. Before break, each student received a holiday book coupon for Scholastic. This coupon is good for any book that is \$5 or less and **must be used by June 2019**. If you are unable to access the website, please write the name of the book on the coupon and send in to me.

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