



Mrs. Granato's Classroom Connections



By Mrs. Meyer

National Catholic Schools Week

- **Sunday, January 27th**- Family Mass, 11:30 am & Open House 12:30-2:00
- **Monday, January 28th**- Spirit Wear Day, Book Fair @ 12:45 and Cultural Arts @ 10:30
- **Tuesday, January 29th**- Mix-Match Day
- **Wednesday, January 30th**- Band Concert @ 2:45 pm
- **Thursday, January 31st**- All School Bingo and No Homework Day
- **Friday, February 1st**- All School Mass @ 9:00, Student Service Project, and Variety Show @ 1:00

Upcoming Assessments and Due Dates

Thursday, Jan. 31- Unit 15
Spelling Test and Religion
Session 16 Test.

What Did We Learn This Week?

Reading: This week, students used their author research to create an informative paragraph for the Author Study Booklet. In addition, students worked hard to identify and document the major story elements within each book read for the Author Study on a comparison chart. We will be finishing the comparison chart next week.

Religion: This week in religion, students reviewed Unit 3 in class with the Fishers of Faith online game. Students worked in groups to complete the Unit 3 test together.

ELA: In writing workshop, we continued working on our "Why I Love St. James" writing piece. Students revised their rough draft and then worked hard to finish their final draft. Their final draft is written in their finest cursive as they used their proofreading skills to create their writing piece. In English, students reviewed how adverbs describe how, when, and where an action takes place.

Math: We finished chapter 6 with a test on Tuesday and will start Chapter 7 next week! To wrap up the week, we began a project called Figure Me Out! Using different operations, students created number sentences that when solved, tell the answer to a question. For example, students were told to create a number sentence for their birth month. They could write a multiplication sentence, 2×3 , if their birth month is June. They had a lot of fun with this activity and are excited for others to figure them out!

Social Studies: On Monday, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, we read an article about his life, listened to and discussed his 'I have a Dream' speech. Then we completed an activity identifying our dreams for our school, our community, and the world. We finished Chapter 5 this week. We reviewed the chapter and completed our test on Friday.

Science: We reviewed our climate lesson and completed our test on Tuesday. Then, we began to learn about the different climates found around the world. We discussed how 'latitude' and 'elevation' affect climate. We completed an experiment that demonstrated the effect of elevation on climate.

Reminders:

Have you recently or will you soon upgrade your smart phone? Did you know that your *old* Android or iOS device – if still "new-ish" (no more than one year old, has a 4 to 6 inch touch screen, is able to rotate orientation from horizontal to vertical (gyroscope), and is in good used condition with no screen cracks), can be used by our students to launch them into an amazing, exploratory world of Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality in the classroom? Just imagine it!

There will be no school on Monday, February 4th.

Third and fourth grade will be making the 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!