



Mrs. Granato's Classroom Connections



By Mrs. Meyer

Information

- Mary Poppin's Teaser – 2/13/19 at 3:00
- Mary Poppin's Musical opens – 7:00pm in the PC
- End of Trimester – Friday, 2/22/19

What Did We Learn This Week?

Religion: We discussed that when we receive the Eucharist, we are celebrating being a part of the church family. Students reflected on when they received their First Communion. Receiving Communion makes us feel at one with our church family and feel closer to God. Knowing that when we receive the Eucharist, students were able to reflect on what the priest says before we receive Communion. They felt closer to Jesus and are asked to reflect on this every time they receive communion.

Student also had the privilege of learning about St. Valentine. Over 2,000 years ago, St. Valentine went against the Roman emperor Claudius II and married soldiers in the Catholic Church. Because he disobeyed Claudius and refused to worship the Roman Gods, Valentine was sentenced to death. While in jail, Valentine grew fond of the jailer's daughter. On February 14th, before his death, Valentine wrote a letter to her and signed it, "Your Valentine." It is because of Valentine that we celebrate this holiday of love and friendship and exchange letters to our valentines.

Reading: Students have been working so hard on their Author Study booklets. Next week, we will be presenting our booklets during our "round-table" discussions. We will also be starting our next unit in reading on the nonfiction genre. We can't wait to dive into all this genre has to offer!

Language Arts: In English, students reviewed the four types of sentences (statement, command, exclamation, and question). Students also reviewed their knowledge of nouns, specifically, how we capitalize proper nouns.

Math: Students finished off Chapter 7 with a test on Wednesday after reviewing in class. We are starting chapter 8 and will be continuing to learn more strategies on solving multiplication and division problems. It is very important to continue to keep practicing math facts!

Science: We concluded our Climate Unit by taking our Climate test on Wednesday. Students worked hard to review in class and at home. We are excited to start our next topic, life cycle and traits, next week!

Social Studies: Students learned that, like the United States, many immigrants have decided to settle in Brazil. They identified reasons for this such as the large amounts of natural resources which provided a multitude of jobs for immigrants. Students also learned about specific forms of communication that link people. Students had a great time learning about the similarities in technology used in the U.S. and Brazil.

Upcoming Assessments

- **Thursday, Feb. 22-** Social Studies Chap. 6 Test, Religion Session #19 Quiz
- **Friday, Feb. 22-** Reading Vocab Quiz, Spelling Unit #18 Test
- **Friday, March 8-** IXL Logs Due

Reminders:

No school Monday, February 18th due to President's Day.

February 22nd is the end of the second trimester. Please be sure to check Powerschool for any missing work.

Optional Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place on **Thursday, March 21**. These conferences are scheduled by **teacher or parent request**. I will send you an email if I feel we need to schedule a conference. If you would like to schedule a conference please email your request to admin@stjameschoolah.org **on or before March 8. Appointments will be distributed on March 15.**

Author Lisa Graff will be visiting with our 3rd-6th grade students on Monday, March 11th! Special thanks to Anderson's Book Store for hosting this event.

To prepare for her visit, we will be hosting two lunch time "Chat and Chews!" We will discuss her books, Tangle of Knots (on 3rd-4th grade Battle of the Books list) and Absolutely Almost (on the 5th -6th grade Battle of the Books list).

Any 3rd-6th grade student can sign up for either or both "Chat and Chews." We ask that the students read the book before the event. Please do not send any peanuts or tree nuts in your lunch that day! Looking forward to a fun-filled lunch discussing great books!

Use this form to sign up:
<http://www.stjameschoolah.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Lisa-Graff-chat-and-chew.pdf>