



Mrs. Granato's Classroom Connections



By Mrs. Meyer

Information

- **February 25** – Spirit Wear
- **Friday, March 1, 2019** - we will be observing “Read Across America Day” with special activities highlighting reading.

What Did We Learn This Week?

Religion: Students took a deeper look at the Sacraments of Holy Orders and Matrimony. We discussed how the Holy Spirit gives us all different gifts. Our special gifts are meant to be shared with others through our vocations. Students also discussed the significance of Holy Week and discussed what they have done to prepare for Easter throughout this Lent.

Reading: This week, we started looking at the nonfiction genre. We opened the unit with a scavenger hunt for three different types of nonfiction (literary nonfiction, reference, and biographies). Students were able to identify characteristics of each. Students also reviewed how writers of nonfiction use text features to help readers better understand a topic or subject. We looked at different types of nonfiction text features and discussed the purpose of each.

Language Arts: In English, students learned about using correct punctuation and capitalization with proper nouns. Students also learned how abbreviations can be used with days of the week, months of the year, and people's titles.

Math: Students continued to practice multiplication and division strategies when multiplying and dividing by 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12. Specifically, students practiced using the Commutative Property of Multiplication, related math facts, patterns, and decomposing numbers to multiply and divide. We will be taking our Chapter 8 test on Wednesday. Please continue working on your math facts at home!

Science: Students began a new chapter in Science, learning about life cycles and traits of plants and animals. We identified characteristics of plants (stem, leaves, seeds, and flowers) and discussed the role each have it helping a plant grow.

Social Studies: Students reviewed Chapter 6 concepts which included reasons people immigrated to the US, struggles immigrants faced coming through Ellis Island and Angel Island, traditions they brought with them that have become part of our culture, and then compared this with immigrants to Brazil. We also reviewed primary and secondary sources as we prepared for the test. The Chapter 6 test was given on Thursday.

Upcoming Assessments

- Tuesday, February 26- Reading Nonfiction Text Feature Assessment
- Thursday, February 28- Session 20 Quiz
- **Friday, March 8-** IXL Logs Due

Reminders:

“Officer Friendly” from the Arlington Heights Police Department will speak to the third graders Thursday, February 28th. Each year “Officer Friendly” speaks to the children about safety in the community as well as on the internet.

We will be celebrating Read Across America Day on Friday, March 1st. There will be more about our fun activities in next week's newsletter...

Report Cards will be distributed on March 5th.

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>