



Fifth Grade Newsletter

Jan. 30 – Feb. 3, 2012

- Catholic Schools Week - January 30th - February 3rd
- Spirit wear with uniform bottoms Monday, January 30
- Early Dismissal - Wednesday, February 1 @ 11:30 am.
- Dress up for Jesus on Thursday, February 2

Religion: Your child created a conversation heart illustrating his/her favorite verse and candy heart phrase. The completed hearts are on display on our classroom doors during the Catholic Schools Week Open House! Come take a look. We will continue with the Glorious and Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. We are using several study strategies to help the children learn the meaning behind each mystery. Please encourage your child to study his/her Power Notes study guide some each night.

Reading: The finished projects for Martin Luther King, Jr. are posted for you to see at the Catholic Schools Week Open house here at St. Francis on Sunday, January 29. The kids did a fabulous job conveying their knowledge of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and drawing a picture that represents the lessons he taught. We will begin work on using schema and inferring comprehension strategies.

English/Spelling We have continued to work on our Descriptive Writing/Adjective unit. We will also look at figurative language, word choice, and similes and metaphors. Our Spelling list for next week includes words that have the vowel combinations of ow, ou, and oy. Please continue to refer to www.spellingcity.com for Spelling practice.

Science: We have continued to learn about space through written material, models, videos, and discussions. Tests are coming home and need to be signed and returned. Please see additional email sent from Mrs. Alsin.

Social Studies: Today we had interviews for BizTown and had the mayor election. The kids did a fabulous job with their interviews and mayor speeches. The mayor will be announced Monday and the students will learn of their jobs either Monday or Tuesday. They will then begin working in their businesses starting Wednesday. They will name their business, create advertisements for their business, and apply for a loan from the bank.

Math: We learned about Stem and Leaf plots and will begin work on bar graphs and histograms next week. We are doing lots of hand-on activities to introduce and reinforce these new concepts.