



Fifth Grade Newsletter

January 23-27, 2012

- Catholic Schools Week - January 30th - February 3rd
- Spirit wear with uniform bottoms Tuesday, January 24th
- Unit 4 Math test is Monday, January 23rd
- Science test is Wednesday, January 25th

Religion: Did you know how "sweet" the words in the bible can be? We are taking a break from studying the rosary this next week to answer this question. Implementing the **CRISS** strategy Puzzle Patterns, students will go on a bible search to match bible verses with phrases written on candy conversation hearts. For example, the phrase "U R the 1" relates wonderfully to Mark 12:29. Check it out! Upon completing our search, your child will create a conversation heart illustrating his/her favorite verse and candy heart phrase. The completed hearts will be on display in our classroom during the Catholic Schools Week Open House! Come take a look! We will continue with the *Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary* following our bible search. 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 students are being asked to write a letter to a friend that has never heard about Martin Luther King, Jr. We are discussing friendly letter format and how to convey all that they have learned throughout this unit. The finished projects will be posted for you to see at the Catholic Schools Week Open house here at St. Francis on Sunday, January 29.

English/Spelling We have started our unit on Descriptive Writing. We will focus on adjectives for the first part of this unit. We will also look at figurative language, word choice, and similes and metaphors. Our Spelling list for next week includes words that have letter combinations that are often confused. We will focus on "getting those letters in the correct order."

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. The review of this unit will be on Tuesday and the test will be on Wednesday, January 25th. Your child should use their blue study guide to prepare for this test.

Social Studies: We are continuing to prepare for our trip to BizTown. This week the kids learned how to write a check, fill out a deposit ticket, and balance a checkbook. The kids also filled out an interest survey to determine which jobs would be best for them at BizTown. Next week we will continue to learn about running a business. The kids will interview for their jobs next Friday. We will also hold the election for our BizTown mayor next Friday.

Math: We are finishing unit 4 this week. The unit 4 test will be on Monday, January 23rd. Our next unit for math will focus on creating and reading graphs and diagrams.