

6th Grade Newsletter

Upcoming Events:

Monday (1/23): All-City Band

Tuesday (1/24): Spirit Wear

Wednesday (1/25): Marsden Liturgy & Science Center field trip (bring a lunch)

Sunday (1/29): Catholic Schools Week Open House

Sunday-Friday (1/29-2/3): Catholic Schools Week



“In fact, it is the struggle that causes you to develop your ability to fly!”

Friday, January 20th

Religion:

- We are finishing up Unit 4 over the Judges & Kings of Israel. We had a quiz earlier this week, and we will have a test this coming Tuesday, January 24th.
- We will also be doing a few various activities in Religion class to recognize and celebrate the upcoming Catholic Schools Week.
- As a reminder, students need to complete 2 more hours of service (for a total of 4 thus far in 6th grade) by Friday, February 17th.

Social Studies:

- We finished up Unit 4 over Ancient Mesopotamia with a test this last week.
- We are starting our next unit over Ancient Egypt, and the students are very excited about our upcoming field trip to the Science Center to learn more about this interesting culture!

Math:

- The students have been practicing writing equivalent fractions and ordering fractions. It is my goal to continue to develop number sense with these students. For this reason when ordering fractions the students should first use the strategy of logic, secondly compare to half, and as the last choice find a common denominator. These strategies should be written in their notebooks with examples.
- Next, we will work on converting fractions to decimals and then ordering fractions and decimals. There will be an in class review assignment on Thursday. The students will work independently but will be able to use their notes from class to help complete if needed.
- Test is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, February 1st. I will need to assess the students readiness as the date gets closer. I can also predict that with all the activities of Catholic Schools Week that this date may need to change.
- I put a new link on the 6th grade webpage that has a majority of the concepts from this chapter. The link is located under Chapter 3 Number Theory.

Science:

- We began a new chapter-Earthquakes. The students have been making connections between Chapter 1-Plate Tectonics and Earthquakes.
- The students should be able to make the connection between the type of boundaries, stresses, and faults associated with earthquakes. The students will complete a content frame (graphic organizer) to show these relationships.
- Continue to encourage your child to study notes for short periods of time throughout the unit.

Language Arts:

- The students are in the middle of their Verb unit. The test for this unit is currently scheduled for Thursday, January 26. The test will cover verb tense, the four principal parts, irregular verbs, and subject/verb agreement.

Reading:

- The students are currently in the middle of a literature circle unit. Each class has been divided into groups, and each group is reading a different Newbery Award winning or honor book. They will be continuing to read with their groups through the end of January.