

January 11 -15

*Reading- we will continue reading “Family Vacation Malfunction” with the emphasis on characters and “reading deeply”. Many of the kids can read aloud very well but when asked about what they read, they have no idea! Reading is more than just recognizing words...it’s understanding them and making connections to their lives. I will use some of the spelling words from the basal although we will not read the story from that this week.

*English grammar-we will begin working on verbs

*Social Studies/Science-we will finish our lessons on Indians in Michigan and then discover the landforms in Michigan, how they were formed and how the Indians used or adapted to them.

*Math-we will continue memorizing the multiplication facts and using those factors to relate to division. We should be thru the x10s by Friday.

*Religion- we will begin our study of the sacraments especially focusing in on the sacraments of initiation.

This week’s schedule:

Monday	art
Tuesday	phys. ed
Wed.	music, library
Thurs.	tech, atrium
Friday	art, Mass (us)

Dear Parents,

I LOVE the new reading program we are instituting here at St. Mary's!! As I said above, reading is so much more than recognizing words, it's making a connection with the novel and life! I am learning with the kids and we are all excited! I can see reading levels improving all ready! I think the book Mrs. Curtis chose will also help some of our former "non" readers become book lovers!!

Because of the many standards needed to be covered, I am trying to teach Science and Social Studies together whenever possible.

Please know that we will be going outside most every day. Please make sure the kids have the appropriate clothing for the weather.

Have a great week!