

February 1 – 5
Catholic Schools Week

*Reading – we will not be reading the story from the basal although we will use the spelling words from the unit. We will review synonyms, antonyms and homonyms and introduce idioms in phonics. We will continue to read deeply in our novel. We have set a class goal to expand our reading stamina. To that end, each child also has a chapter book that they will read during “down times” and although we will not do a book report, I will be conferencing with the children to ask questions about the book they are reading.

*English grammar – we will be learning about the tenses of verbs and making sure that the form/tense of the verb matches the noun in the sentence.

*Social Studies/ Science – small groups of students are working to find information on a specific Indian tribe that lived in Michigan long ago. Once they have found the information, each group will present their findings to the others in the class. They will then combine their data into one large chart. Facts such as where they lived in Michigan, how they used the natural resources to survive and what made them different from other tribes will be covered.

*Math – Our ice cream sundaes are growing!! We will continue to practice both multiplication and division facts and fact families.

*Religion – Chapter 15 finds us focusing on the Healing Sacraments...especially Reconciliation.

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Schedule: Monday music
Tuesday tech
Wednesday art, library
Thursday phys. ed., atrium
Friday spelling test, Religion test, music, Mass

You received a list of Catholic Schools Week activities. Some of the lesson plans may change slightly due to these activities. As you probably noticed, some planned activities are fun, some are service work and some are just celebrations of our AWESOME school!

Speaking of our great school, I'd say our Open House was a giant success!! It was great to see so many of you AND many new faces as well. I think word of our improvements and changes is spreading and since most families want the BEST for their children.....St Mary's is welcoming them!!

Have a great week and maybe I'll see you on Fri a.m. for a bagel on the run!!