

January 22, 2010

Dear Students and Parents,

Upcoming Events:

- **Sunday January 24th: St. Mary's Open House and Pancake Breakfast**
- **February 1st-5th: Catholic Schools Week**
- **February 4th: Book Orders Due**

Literacy: This week in **Writer's Workshop** the class has been continuing their writing ideas in the **Writer's Notebook**. They learned how to write from a different point of view, which created some very interesting stories! We are also starting to look at the qualities of the stories we read so the students can create begin their first writing unit of study, **Small Moments**. In **Reader's Workshop**, we continued to make connections to our stories this week. The students worked on text to text connection, as well as text to world connection. Next week, the students will be getting their first **At-Home Reading Log**. These help the students record different comprehension strategies they try as they read at home. I request a parent signature on this sheet, to verify that the students are reading 20 minutes each night.

Religion: In **Religion** this week, we have been looking at **God our Creator**. The students have had many insightful demonstrations of **God's work as our Creator**. As a class we gathered examples of **God's work** that will be displayed in our room this weekend.

Science: This week in **Science**, we have been reviewing our moon phases and answering the questions that the class investigated in the computer lab. Next week we will be learning about the seasons and preparing for a **Quiz** we will have next Friday.

Social Studies: This week in **Social Studies**, the class has been comparing the **New England, Middle, and Southern colonial areas**. The students have been working in groups to present this information using a **Venn diagram**. Next week the students will present these to the class.

This Sunday is the **Open House and Pancake Breakfast** here at **St. Mary's School**. Everyone is welcome to come to our room and look at the work that the fifth grade has been working on. I am sorry to say I will not be here to show you around myself because of a prior commitment I have. I hope to continue to meet everyone as this school year continues and I want you to know you can always stop by the room.

Have a wonderful, relaxing weekend.

Sincerely,

Sarah Melling



the game this weekend!