

February 19, 2010

Dear Students and Parents,

Upcoming Events:

- Thursday March 4th 7:00 p.m.: 5th Grade Music Performance at Cantrick School

Literacy: In Writer's Workshop the students have finished their rough drafts and we will be publishing our final copies next week. We will have a Writer's Celebration at the end of next week or the beginning of the following week. This is where the students get to share their published Small Moment with the class. This week in Reader's Workshop, the students have finished visualizing while they read. Our goal is to try to put ourselves in the story to experience what the characters are doing. The students should be practicing visualizing with their reading log that is due on Monday. Another skill we have been working on as a class is rereading when something doesn't make sense. The students are doing a wonderful job tying this technique.

Religion: In Religion we have been looking at the roles Mary has. As a class we have been discussing Lent and how we can become closer with Jesus as we journey through Lent. Operation Rice Bowl boxes have come home this week and the students have a flyer with daily messages that we will be following in class during Lent. Today, we were able to join the Middle School students at Stations of the Cross.

Science: In Science we will be looking at solar and lunar eclipses next week.

Social Studies: This week in Social Studies, the students have been working hard on their colonial newspapers. They have started writing articles involving the religion, politics, and daily life of the early colonies. Next week, we hope to start typing these articles and putting the newspapers together.

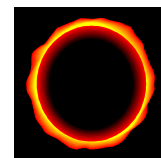
Word Study: The students have been working with me, reviewing the sounds that different letters and letter combinations make. We will be working on our first word list next week. The students will sort and play with these words and then we will have a spelling test on them, the following week.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

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For a Golden Mel Buck, tell me why solar eclipses occur. You can give me your answer, when you first come in on Monday morning.