

March 26, 2010

Dear Parents and Students,

Upcoming Events:

Friday April 2, 2010: No School, beginning of Spring Break

Friday April 16, 2010: 5th Graders leading 1:30 Mass

Literacy: This week in Reader's Workshop, the students worked on forming questions as they read. We focused on how reader's form "thick" questions that allow us to improve our comprehension of a story. The reading log will be due on Monday. In Writer's Workshop, the class has been working on editing their poems. We have started typing our final copies and will continue working on our publications next week. As a class we are also beginning the novel Family Vacation Malfunction. This book is written by Anita Passon an author from Monroe. On April 21, she will be coming to our school to meet with the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. We are very excited to read her descriptive story as a class and talk with her during her visit.

Religion: In Religion this week, we finished Chapter 8. As a class, we have been looking at the gifts the Holy Spirit gives us. We have discussed the Holy Spirit coming to the apostles and the strength and courage given to them. The students have completed a study guide in class and the Chapter 8 Test will be on Monday.

Social Studies: This week the class began looking at the French and Indian War. We explored the causes of this war, the famous people involved, and the treaty eventually signed. As a class we have also been discussing the difference between power and authority. The boys have come up with examples of power with authority and power without authority that we see in our everyday life. Next week, we will start to look at the power and authority between the early colonies and Britain. .

Science: In Science, the students have looked at the way scientists classify plants and why these are important. We reviewed how plants reproduce as a class and the importance of seeds to our environment. With partners, the students investigated different seeds and the ways that they are dispersed. I was very impressed with the descriptive phrases and drawings that the boys used to record each seed type.

Word Study: The students will not have a word study assessment, until after Spring Break.

Have a wonderful, spring weekend.

Sincerely,

Sarah Melling

melling@stmarychargers.com



Parent Signature: _____