

November Newsletter 3May

St. Joseph's School November 3rd, 2009



Important Dates

- 1st-All Saints Day
- 2nd-All Souls Day
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- 9th- Picture Retakes
- 11th- Remembrance Day
- 12th-13th No School
- 23rd- Report Card goes home
- 25th-26th-Parent Teacher Interviews



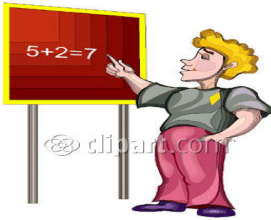
November Birthdays

- 19th- Brandon's Birthday
- 26th- Peytan's Birthday
- 27th- Aidan's Birthday
- 28th- D'arci's Birthday

Social



The students will get an experience of cultures and faiths from around the world on their fieldtrip this month. They will learn about traditions and celebrations and how they make people different and unique. The students will research areas of a county's culture that interests them and then present their findings to their classmates. They get to pick what they want to learn about and then take the steps to answer their questions of wonder. The differences between our countries are great, but it's amazing how many similarities we have too. Also this month, each child will be asked to review with their family a custom or tradition that they practice in their home.



Math

Students will focus on operations this month. They will learn how to calculate double digit addition and subtraction questions. They will also be introduced to word problems. Students will be asked to identify key words in word problems. This will help them select the correct operation to use to solve the problem. They will use their calculators to check over their work regularly. Please check over their math duotang to ensure their comprehension. Operations can be a difficult concept for children to master; therefore, any extra help and review that you can do with them at home will help.



Science

The students will focus on Rocks and Minerals this month. They will learn about sedimentary, igneous, and metamorphic rocks. They will excavate fossils, make volcanoes, and conduct other cool experiments.



L.A

This month the students will be learning the elements of a story. They will make a plot diagram, to plan their story writing. They will learn that every story has a main character, who tries to overcome a problem. We will continue to read in our Collections' book. This month we will read; The Enchanted Pitcher, and The Princess and the Pea. Also students will create a Paper Bag Book Report for a book report this month. Look for a template to accompany your child home.

It will be an oral report using props brought in from home, and remember it should be on a chapter book they are reading from our library. Great going Bookworms! Students have been busy reading and recording in their logs. Keep up the good work. Reading is a building block for success.

Religion The students have been learning about who Jesus is. This past month they discussed how they might be Jesus for the Zachaeuses in our world. Zachaeus was a bad man who swindled others out of their money, but Jesus showed him as well us that He loves everyone unconditionally. I want to let you all know of an opportunity that has been granted to me. This coming February I will travel to Africa for 16 days, with the founder of Rainbow for the Future and some Westlock Rotary members. It has been arranged that I will teach a day or two at the school we have raised money for. I will get the chance to meet the faces of the people in Ethiopia who have benefited from our towns' and school's generosity.



Extras!

With the approach of cold weather please ensure that your child has adequate winter attire when they come to school daily. It can get pretty cold outside when the children have lost or forgotten their hats or mittens. Parent volunteers can sign up on the calendar and come in to help. I look forward to seeing all of you at Parent/Teacher Interviews.
Mr. Maykut