

Here's What's Been Going on in 1S! Week of March 4-8, 2019

Religion

This past week students were introduced to Lent through an all-schools Ash Wednesday Mass and a classroom lesson. Students are learning that Lent is the “springtime for the soul,” an opportunity to grow closer to God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These components of Lent were defined and described for the students. Students were challenged to help out more than usual at home and in their community in connection with the “almsgiving” portion of the lesson. I would love to hear if any of your children have taken that challenge to heart!

Students have also been learning about the Trinity, the three persons of the one God. More will be learned about the Trinity as St. Patrick's Day approaches.

Finally, there was a Second Step lesson about managing worry.

Math

Students wrapped up their study of graphing this past week. They practiced reading and interpreting bar graphs and were assessed on the chapter.

Language Arts

The theme of travel was the focus in our **Reading** book this week. Students worked again with the comprehension skill of compare and contrast.

Compound sentences were introduced in **English/Grammar** and the letter g practiced in Handwriting.

Introduction sentences were reviewed in **Writing**. Students also worked to write about where they like to travel.

Science

Space was again our focus. Students read an informational text about a trip to the moon, watched “The Magic School Bus Gets Lost in Space” as part of a marble jar celebration and were able to celebrate their learning with a field trip to OMSI. At OMSI students enjoyed a visit to the planetarium where they watched a show about an alien family who is looking for a good place to vacation. After visiting all the planets they realize that Earth is the perfect planet.

Social Studies

Students were assessed on the study of tall tales.

Flat Stanley was also introduced through his original story. Speaking of Flat Stanley, if any of you are having trouble finding someone to take Stanley on an adventure, please let me know. My own children have enjoyed having Flat Stanleys the last couple of years and they would be happy to help out if you have trouble finding someone else. Just let me know. Thanks!

Our recent marble jar was celebrated with a “slumber party” (ie-stuffy and show day with popcorn).

Art

The kids worked together to paint rainbows for our bulletin boards. They are also working on making leprechauns to go with the rainbows.

Neel was our Student of the Week!

Thank you!

A HUGE thank you to those of you who generously gave of your time and energy to chaperone our field trip to OMSI. We could not have done it without you!

Request from Mr. Holstrom

The students will be moving into their tumbling unit in PE. If you have a daughter who likes to wear jumpers or skirts, please remind her to wear shorts underneath them.

Thank you!

Lenten Service

Valley Catholic is working to help some local teenage boys be comfortable this season. We are collecting adult sized pajama pants and socks for St. Mary's Home for Boys on TV Highway. Please consider even a small donation as a way to show our love during this Lenten season.

Thank you, all, for what you do in support of your child and first grade in general. I feel blessed to have this opportunity to work with you and your children. Have a fabulous weekend!