



3V January News

Happy 2011! I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday.

Our second semester of school ends this Friday, January 7th. We will be half way through the school year. Report cards will be going home on Friday, January 14th. We don't have scheduled conferences at this time but if you would like to talk to me about your child's grades, please call the office or send me a note/e-mail and I will be happy to talk with you.

Please make sure your child is prepared for the chilly weather by sending him/her to school in a warm coat, hat and gloves/mittens. It may get pretty cold on some of our recess days.

Please continue to check your child's book bag for notes and papers that are sent home from school. Make sure to look for the weekly schedule I send home also. The schedule is usually sent home on Friday. It tells you exactly when tests will be and when textbooks and study guides will be sent home. The study guides I send home include everything which will be on the tests we take. Please remember that extra credit is given in math for study guides, which are completed and returned to class on the day of the math test.

The information on the animal reports went home on Monday, December 6th. The reports are due on Thursday, January 6th. Once again, the report is optional.

We finished math chapter 5 on division the week before Christmas break. Chapters 4 and 5 dealt with multiplication and division facts 0-5. Now we will be continuing with multiplication and division facts with the numbers 6-9. Therefore it is really important to continue practicing the multiplication and division facts 0-9. If your child knows his/her multiplication facts, then division will come much more easily to him/her. Especially when we get to long division.

We are working on human geography-man made things in our environment such as roads and bridges in social studies. The next test will be very soon. In science we are starting a new chapter on how living things depend on one another. We will be looking at the food chain and the energy pyramid. In English we will be studying adjectives and then adverbs. The students will be tested on each part of speech separately. In religion we will continue to talk about the life of Jesus. We will also talk about different types of prayer such as prayer of praise and prayer of thanks.

We will be writing a January book report on Wednesday, January 12th. Please encourage your child to pick a book soon and start reading. The January book report sign up sheet is posted in the classroom. This sign up helps me keep track of the books your child is reading. It also makes him/her a little bit more accountable for what he/she is reading.

We have finished learning all of the lower and upper case cursive letters. The students will now be doing most of their schoolwork, except spelling, in cursive.

Catholic Schools week will begin on Sunday, January 30th at our three parishes and continue through the week at Seton. The week will end with a spaghetti dinner and raffle on Friday, February 4th. You will receive more information about the spaghetti dinner shortly.

Thank you for all of your help and support!