

## Mrs. Wynn's Classroom Newsletter

### Teacher's Desk:

Our first week back from break went pretty well. We had a stomach bug going around the class. I hope we will all be well this week. Some students are repeatedly "forgetting" to wash hands during bathroom breaks and before lunch. Please re-enforce what I have been telling them at school about germs and staying healthy.

The last Sunday in January begins Catholic Schools Week. We will have a kick off Mass at St. Bruno at 10am. Let me know if your family will be in attendance and is willing to play a role. Students will fill most roles but we'd like a family to bring up gifts and to take up the collection.



### Looking Ahead:

January 17: Math-a-thon

January 29-February 3 Catholic Schools Week

February 8: Mandatory parent meeting for those students who will be receiving the sacraments of Penance and Reconciliation and 1st Communion this year. If you are not Catholic you do not need to attend.

March 15: 1st Reconciliation 6:30pm at St. Bruno.

April 21: Retreat Day and 1st Communion practice.

May 6: 11:30 special 1st Communion Mass at St. Bruno.

God Bless,

Mrs. Wynn

### This week: In the Classroom

**Reading:** We will finish His Majesty the King this week. We will begin I Can Read! I Can Read!. These books are shared readings and students do not take them home. As a whole group, students will begin talking about punctuation clues, exclamatory sentences, sequence of events, and contractions this week. Your child will be bringing home two familiar books and one new one this week. With the familiar books, students are to be working on fluency (smoothness when reading) and intonation (the voice we use when we read). Please don't dismiss the importance of rereading familiar texts when you read with your child each night.

**Math:** We will work on lessons 72-75 this week. We will begin measuring and drawing line segments to the nearest half inch, and adding two-digit numbers with a sum greater than 100, ordering three-digit numbers, identifying gallon, half-gallon, quart, and liter containers, estimating and finding the capacity of containers. There will be a concept test, a timed 25 fact test over -0,-1, and -2 facts, and a timed 100 problem addition fact test on Thursday. Some students are struggling with the 100 addition facts in 5 minutes. One session of Xtra Math nightly or 10 minutes of flash cards can make a real difference.

**Social Studies:** We will begin a unit on black history in February. During this unit we will explore slavery, the Civil War, and the Civil Rights Movement. Students will explore United States history through the changing role of African Americans from slave to President.

**Science:** We explored magnets last week and experimented with force. This week we will discuss important vocabulary, review our experimental data, graph our findings and on Friday we'll use magnetism to make a compass.

**Religion:** We will begin chapter 11: We Prepare for the Sacrament of Forgiveness. There will be a test over chapter 11 this week on Friday. If you haven't already, this is a great time to begin talking to your child about reconciliation. Sharing your experiences with confession and allowing your child to ask questions and share what they know go a long way toward easing anxiety about this important sacrament.

**Spelling:** Our spelling patterns this week are: cvc short e, and cvv ee, ea long e. There will be a test on Friday this week.

dress, next, vest, web, west, when, jeep, keep, sleep, sweep, teeth, week, clean, heat, leaf, team, weak, wheat, speech, been