

## 4B Flight Update for the Week of February 15, 2019

This month's Catholic Virtue is Compassion. This month's Gospel Value is Simplicity.

### Words of Love from St. Teresa of Calcutta

*We are all pencils in  
the hands of a  
writing God,  
who is sending love  
letters to the world.*

*Spread love  
everywhere you go.  
Let no one ever come  
to you without leaving  
happier.*

*Joy is a net of love  
by which you can  
catch souls.*

*It is not how much we do,  
but how much love we put in the doing.  
It is not how much we give,  
but how much love we put in the giving.*

*Let us always meet each other  
with a smile.  
For the smile is the beginning of love.*

### A Valentine for God

*Gracious God,  
My love for you grows daily.*

*Whenever I witness an act of kindness  
or receive an unexpected gift,  
I am reminded of your expansive heart.*

*Even during times of duress, of sadness,  
or heartache, I take comfort in knowing  
that nothing can separate me from your love.*

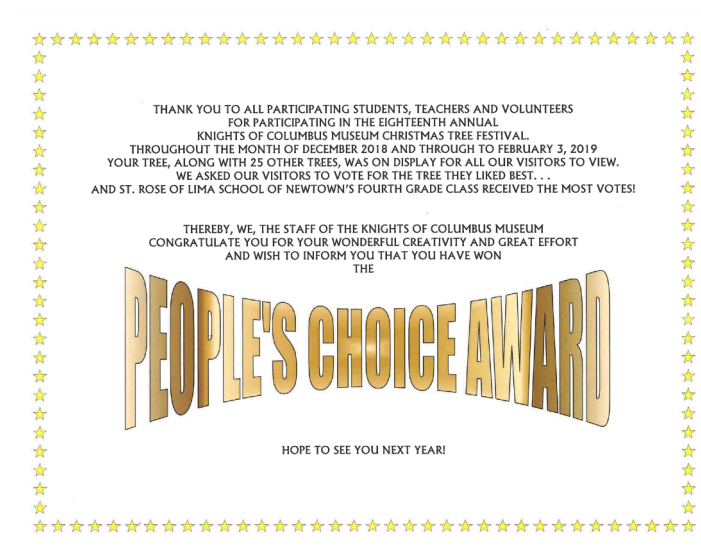
*Let this love in me blossom and flower so that  
I reflect your compassion and mercy  
in all that I say and do.*

*In gratitude and grace, I pray.  
Amen.*

### Calendar Updates and Reminders: Feb. 18-19-No School

Dear 4B Families,

CONGRATULATIONS to our crew!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



The long awaited Winter Break is here. I wish, for you, time to relax and to spend with your children. Safe travels if you should be out on a day journey or a longer trip!

Kind Regards,  
Mrs. B

**Destination: Science**

We are wrapping up our study of ecosystem and habitats. With Invention Convention underway, we will devote the next few weeks to the Engineering Process and learning about inventions that were created to help our environment. Documents for the Invention Convention were handed out; copies are also available on our Science Google Classroom.

**Destination: ELA**

Please make sure your child has their copy of *Number the Stars* by the time we return from break. We will be working with our new novel in conjunction with the theme of struggle and injustice. As we also celebrate Black History Month and recognize those who courageously stood up for justice and fairness, we will be looking at connections and comparisons of how people have been treated in history. This also will align with our studies of Jesus' life, during Lent, and his compassion and fairness towards all people.

Currently the children are working in their Lit Circles and learning more about the roles and how they work. We are using a talking tray with chips to ensure that everyone participates in group discussions and everyone gets a voice in the group discussions.

I will be working with the children on some of their writing skills during the upcoming weeks. I will be going through a sample of the Inventor's Log and reinforce that all writing is expected to be in pen, cursive, and complete sentences. One word or phrase responses will not be accepted and they will be asked to redo pages where they are not following this writing requirement. In addition, I will be doing some work with diagramming sentences with the group as I use mentor sentences with our upcoming novel. I will be using a few samples of these with some read alouds to help them understand how to identify different elements in a mentor sentence. In brief, a mentor sentence is a sentence that we take out of a current reading and we work with it each day for the five days. Each day we focus on a different element of sentence structure. This helps them see how to identify, as well as apply these in writing. From here I will take them to diagramming sentences.

**Destination: MATH**

We are currently working on our February Fact Month. The children are taking daily drills and prizes will be given to the best averages at the end. We work on drills throughout the year, this just gives an extra incentive to the children. Fractions are still our main focus, now that we have common factors and multiples mastered, we quickly moved to equivalent and simplifying and then onto comparing and ordering. The children are doing a wonderful job with these so our focus next week will be operations with fractions; including word problems!! This includes improper fractions and mixed numbers as well.

**Destination: RELIGION**

We are talking more about Jesus and his teachings as a framework for our study of the commandments throughout the year. This has led to previews of the lessons and discussions we will have during Lent. They are a curious bunch and have already had a lot of questions; I am looking forward to spending time with them during Lent and talking more about our Savior and all he brought to world and did for us.

**Destination: Social Studies and Writing with Mrs. Damalas**

Writing – We have been writing daily in our notebook. The children enjoy writing a response to a given prompt. We reviewed the information that Ms. Vertucci went over last week. Please remind students to look at the worksheets as to what information is required to complete a bibliography. We will start the Essay on their state next week.

Grammar – Next week we will work on verbs and review possessive nouns. The following week we will have a test. Please ask your student and check on Rediker for test date.

Social Studies – Your students were given the rest of the paperwork, rubric and directions for their state poster last week. The poster is due on Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. If more time is required, please let me know.

After our posters are complete, directions will be given for the last part of the project, The State Float. We are continuing to work in our Social Studies book and a test will follow soon.

As always, Thank You all for your support.