

4B Flight Update for the Week of March 1, 2019

This month's Catholic Virtue is Humility.

This month's Gospel Value is Justice.



Please join us to begin the Lenten Season in prayer and song on Wednesday, March 6 at 9:00am Mass. Our 4B Crew will be the choir for that mass.

Lent is a forty-day period preparation for Easter. It reminds us of the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness before he took up his ministry. During this time, he fasted and prayed. Lent is a time of self-denial and prayer for us as well. During this period, we are called to focus on becoming closer to Jesus by praying a little more, doing good deeds for others, going without something we like and giving generously to others in need. Ash Wednesday is a good time for us to think about what we can do to grow closer to Jesus over the Lenten period.

Dear 4B Families,

We are preparing to begin our Lenten Journey together; the crew and I will be sharing reconciliation, Stations of the Cross and other ways to draw closer to Christ during the 40 days ahead. Walking in Christ's Footsteps will be our theme for our journey. We begin as the choir for our Ash Wednesday mass.

Our 4B inventors are very excited about their inventions and last week we spent time learning more about the Engineering Process and put it to the test with several activities. We also began looking at different ways we could create our boards. Now that we have our inventions started and our logs underway, we are ready to begin preparing parts of our display boards as well.

Please keep these dates in mind as we move towards Invention Convention:

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| March 20 | St. Rose Invention Convention (all day for students;
Open to families at 5:30pm; awards at 6:15pm) |
| March 15 | Final Invention and Log Due in School |
| March 8 | Log Due for Review |

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions!

May God's Peace be with you today and every day!

Kind Regards,
Mrs. B

Destination: ELA

I didn't think the crew would be as interested and "hooked" on a novel as they were with *Poppy*; however, *Number the Stars* has grabbed their attention in the first chapters, as well as bringing many, many questions. We have been doing map studies to help them better understand the setting of the story and this took up more than our planned time because the questions and observations they were making were amazing! They are already making many connections as the plot unravels on the pages. In the upcoming week we will be focusing on character comparison and vocabulary.

On Monday we will celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday; I have invited them to bring in their favorite Dr. Seuss book. We are going to look at this beloved author's writing style and coming up with an activity that we can share with our buddies.

In addition to our novel and nonfiction reading; we are going to jump into some poetry. This will give us a foundation to begin our poetry writing this month. While poetry month is in April, we want to have a variety of poems written so we can select one in early April to submit to the annual poetry contest.

Destination: MATH

The children are doing a wonderful job with their math skills. We have been working with improper fractions and mixed numbers, along with multiplication and division of fractions. In the upcoming week we are going to focus on fractions in word problems. I have also introduced the children to angles and using the protractor, which knowing our crew, you won't be surprised how much they love this topic! I am very proud of their accomplishments and the effort and perseverance I see in our math lessons each day!

Destination: RELIGION

In the upcoming week, we are entering the Liturgical Season of Lent. We will be using the Stations of the Cross, scripture, and prayer to walk along with Jesus on his journey. We will be learning about the parts of the mass and prayers and the connections to Jesus sacrifice.

Destination: SCIENCE

While we are working on our inventions, we are focusing on the Engineering Design Process. The children are learning the different steps and we are working on activities and labs that help them understand the importance of each step. In the upcoming week, we will have a quiz on the steps. The children have a handout in their binders with this information. They will also have notes in their notebook to review for this quiz.

Destination: SOCIAL STUDIES and WRITING with Mrs. Damalas

We have been writing daily in our notebook. The children enjoy writing a response to a given prompt. We are continuing writing our State essay. We have worked on our organizer and have been brainstorming. Our introductions have been written and we are working on the body of our essay. We will continue to work in class but we will also be doing some writing at home. Students are encouraged to type it on the computer at home, print it and bring it to school. Thank you for your help.

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

Students should be working on their State Float. Directions and rubric has been given. The float is due on Friday, March 8th. If more time is required, please let me know.

After our float and essays are complete, we will set up our poster and float in the Gathering Hall for classes to walk through, look at our work, and ask questions. We are continuing to work in our Social Studies book and a test will follow soon. As always, Thank You all for your support.