

4B Flight Update for the Week of October 29, 2018

This month's Catholic Virtue is Responsibility. This month's Gospel Value is Truth.



Announcements:

Please bring a special Halloween snack to enjoy on Wednesday afternoon during our class party!

We will attend mass on Thursday, November 1, to observe All Saints Day; we will not attend mass on Friday.

Dear 4B Families,

I hope you enjoy this pre-Halloween weekend with your family and friends! As the children get ready for Wednesday evening, the excitement is building! We will be having a Halloween Day filled with learning review and fun using the Halloween theme in all our subject areas. This will culminate in our class Halloween party as being planned by our room moms! Due to allergies, we are unable to serve treats that day, but ask that you send your crew member with a special Halloween snack to enjoy that afternoon.

While we are excited about Halloween, we are also spending time learning about the saints for All Saints Day; and working on our projects! I am very excited to see our crew "Step into the Lives" of their chosen saint. They have certainly embraced this project, and I am very proud of them. We have worked on research in the library and computer lab. They are working on note taking skills from a variety of resources. They have used saint encyclopedias, biographies, articles, websites, and short video biographies to gather pages of notes. We are perfecting our note taking skills with special graphic organizers. We are working on how to best use Google Docs, taking advantage of sharing for editing purposes. Their building their skills learning more about the Google tools and how to select the best tool for the assigned task.

We have completed the STAR Math and Reading tests and we will be sharing the results with you during conferences as the children share their goals for the upcoming quarters. During our conferences the children will be sharing a first quarter reflection sheet that they will use to share what they are most, proud of and what they would like to improve upon. Details about conferences are forthcoming.

November 28th is our Knights of Columbus tree decorating trip! We are inviting our parents to join us on Friday, November 2 at 1:15 for ornament making fun! All those participating must be Virtus trained. Please let me know if you will join us so we can make sure we have enough supplies.

We welcome our newest pilot-in-training, Max Rivera. Our crew has been warm and welcoming to our new family member and they have done a wonderful job being kind and including him and teaching him all about our classroom and procedures we follow. Welcome again Max, we are glad you joined us!

Wishing you and your family a Happy Halloween and a safe night of trick 'r treating!! After years of taking my own little crew around on Halloween night I know homework and trick 'r treating, don't mix, so I'll celebrate the spirit this year with a no homework night on Wednesday and no test Thursday! Enjoy the fun and festivities of the evening!

Kind Regards,
Mrs. B

Destination: ELA

The Toothpaste Millionaire is a hit with our crew! They are enjoying the reading, but also the discussions and connections we are making. The children came up with their own toothpaste idea, and created an advertisement for their toothpaste. We will keep these and then revisit this activity later as we get further in the book, and can refer to Rufus' expertise in making toothpaste. This is helping us build an understanding of what inventors go through, which will give us a jumping off point for Invention Convention!

We are also working on targeted articles and fictional passages that we can use to learn about and apply different comprehension skills. We worked on Fact and Fiction, and Cause and Effect. The crew did an excellent job with this and did very well on the tests. We will be looking more closely at story elements with our novel and some of the other passages we are reading. To get more experience with nonfiction, we are expanding our topics in science, religion, and math with other articles and fictional passages; both in print and using readworks.org; freckle.com; and AR has recently added articles that can be read in the system and are accompanied by short quizzes. These are not included in their AR goals, but we are able to look at progress and skills addressed.

Destination: MATH

We have a roomful of mathletes! I am so proud of what the crew is accomplishing in math! They are grasping concepts quickly and are showing the ability to apply the skills they are learning and as we spiral back, they are showing a deeper understanding of skills taught earlier in the quarter.

Our current topic is the connection with multiplication and division. We are working with factors and multiples; multi-digit multiplication. These are helping us set the foundation as we get ready to venture into division.

Destination: RELIGION

During the week, we will be working on our saint essays and will be sharing information about saints through our presentations. Based on the presentations, we will be working on comparing and contrasting our saints. Using our presentations, information gathered from these and comparing and contrasting, the children will be doing a special writing assignment and activity that will be shared with you during conferences.

Destination: SCIENCE

We are currently working on electricity as energy; including an understanding of circuits. The children will be having some "monstrous" fun in science in the upcoming week.

Destination: SOCIAL STUDIES-Mrs. Damalas

Our next lessons will focus on the different climates in the US and the natural resources that are available to us. Please look for a study guide to come home Friday.

Destination: WRITING/GRAMMAR-Mrs. Damalas

We have been visiting the Computer Lab and the Science Lab to use the Chromebooks. and started using Google Docs to type our writing piece. We are still revising, and peer/teacher editing what we have written so far. We are working on types of sentences, subjects and predicates, and complete sentences. We will have a test on subjects and predicates on Wednesday, Oct. 30th. Next, we will be working on complex and compound sentences.

Test jumps for Flight 4B:

Monday...Spelling Pretest (no studying) **Tuesday**...Science (Electricity) **Friday**...Spelling Test; Reading Skills Test



Wednesday...Happy Trick 'r Treating NO HOMEWORK
Thursday...Happy "I'm tired I was up late sorting my
candy" Day...NO TESTS or QUIZZES.

Happy Halloween
4B Families!!