

4B Flight Update for the Week of March 15, 2019

This month's Catholic Virtue is Humility. This month's Gospel Value is Justice.

Important Notes for the Week

IOWA Testing will take place periods 1 and 2, Monday. Assessments in subject areas will be announced after we find out the makeup schedule for those who missed some of the IOWA tests.

INVENTION CONVENTION on WEDNESDAY, March 20
Please join us in the Gathering Hall at 6pm

Please support our Lenten Missions; thank you for your generosity this first week!

Irish Blessing

*May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind always be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

Dear 4B Families,

March came in like a lion with wild weather; but, it also came in like a lion with a jam-packed calendar! There are so many things that are happening this month; while it is the longest month, with no scheduled time off, it is going by very fast with a lot of activity!

Of course our biggest and most anticipated date in the upcoming week is Wednesday! Invention Convention is already here; and after Wednesday we will know who will be representing us at UCONN for the state competition. Inventions and logs came in today and we conferenced to see if we needed any final fixes before the big day! I told the children this week how proud I am of them for their creativity and hard work. I am looking forward to see it all come together in their presentations on Wednesday. When I conferenced with them weeks ago, while they described their inventions and plans, they showed such pride and excitement; and I saw it again as they worked on their boards. Working on these in class has been a learning experience for all of us. These are truly their boards! While I worked around the room and we made some creative changes, some of the had a vision and even I couldn't convince them otherwise! In the end they have boards that they will display with pride because it is their original work. They learned how to creatively fix errors and I enjoyed watching them planning, placing all the pieces, stepping back, then moving them around. It's those times you wish you could see and hear what's in their minds as they work, they definitely had their own vision for their board and I am proud of the work they did!

They have also been troopers through the IOWA testing. We began each day and tested the first two periods all week. We took a stretch break in between the two periods, but then they were ready to get right back to work. We were able to get a bit more done then scheduled so at this point we will finish on Monday, rather than Tuesday. We will start getting back to regular schedule next week.

Next Friday, we will continue our Lenten Journey with praying the Stations of the Cross with grades 3-8. We are learning more about Lent and will be focusing more on the Triduum in the upcoming weeks.

With St. Patrick's Day, and St. Joseph's Day coming up in the next few days; I wish you many blessings, and the opportunity to spend time in drawing closer to Christ during this Lenten Journey!

Kind Regards,
Mrs. B

Destination: ELA

In the upcoming week we will continue our journey with *Number the Stars*. The children are paying attention to the littlest details and making wonderful connections and inferences. In the upcoming week we will be working on character sketches; using what we already know about the characters, we will write detailed descriptions about what kind of person each character is in the context of the story.

We will also be working on nonfiction close reading passages to find supporting details and practicing our writing citing evidence in our reader's response. Since April, National Poetry Month, is fast approaching, we will also be working with poetry and how to read, even the shortest poem, and identify author's purpose and other elements of poetry. This of course will help us with our poetry writing. We want to make sure that each crew member has several poems to select from for their entry to the annual Creative Communications Poetry Contest.

In spelling we continue to build lists based on what we seem to be struggling with most in our writing. Our word lists can be found on Spelling City (search for St. Rose and then select my name from the teacher list; the first list is always our current list). This site has great ways for the students to practice their spelling for the week.

Destination: Religion

This past week, we made our Lenten Reconciliation. We walked through the months since our Advent Reconciliation and made an examination of conscience; while doing this we talked about one thing we could make a promise to do this Lenten Season, in addition to giving something up. As we learn more about Jesus' ministry and mission, we begin to see more and more the greatness of God's love for us. In addition to our lessons on Lent and the Triduum, we will also be praying with the Stations of the Cross, we will be able to see the great impact Jesus' earthly ministry had on people, but also what it means to stand up for what we believe and have great faith.

Destination: Math

We are working on our word problem skills with fractions; and we are also working with angles. While we work with these topics, we will also be practicing our computation skills for accuracy and fluency.

Destination: Science

With Invention Convention coming to a close next week; we will return to our regular science program. Our topic will be Earth and Water; we will start with the water cycle. I'm not sure why, but some of the crew have asked for awhile when are we going to study clouds, so this is also in our plans for this topic.

Vocabulary will include: evaporation, condensation, transpiration, precipitation, cumulus, nimbus, stratus, cirrus, rain, sleet, hail, snow

Destination: Social Studies and Writing with Mrs. Damalas

We are finishing up our essays and I have received several final copies. Students have worked on their final copies at home, typing them up and bringing them in. Thank you for your help.

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

The State Floats have been fabulous. The students enjoyed presenting them to the class and have told me how much fun they had putting their float together. It was heartwarming to see all students paying attention and asking questions of each other about their floats. The applause after made everyone feel special. The date for the State Display in the Gathering Hall is Tuesday, March 19th. We will set up in the Gathering Hall the last 2 periods of the day! We will be open at 1:00 and close at 2:30.

Come see our State Display and see how hard our students worked on all aspects of their project.

You are all invited to attend. Please RSVP if you will be able to join us. We will continue working on learning the Southeastern States. Look for a test date on this region to follow soon.

We are continuing to work in our Social Studies book and a test will follow soon.