

4B Flight Update for April 12, 2018

This month's Catholic Virtue is Effort. This month's Gospel Value is Peace.

*Gracious Lord, the energy and emotion of a parade can generate joy.
Yet the joy of your parade into Jerusalem turned so quickly to pain,
signaling the sacrifice of your own self.*

Let this day remind me that while emotions can be fickle. Your faithfulness and love remain true.

May I see in the giving of Your life the power to give myself for others simply for love.

*When life's struggles sear my soul, or sacrifice strips me of hope, strengthen me with your spirit that strode into Jerusalem to face death even as palm branches were strewn before your path and the crowd cried, "Hosanna in the highest!"
Amen.*



During Holy Week, the holiest of all weeks, we remember Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem; His gift of the Eucharist; and His suffering, death, and Resurrection. It is a time of final preparation and great anticipation.

Dear 4B Families,

Happy Palm Sunday; the day we remember Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem! Jesus came in peace to conquer, not by force as earthly kings but by love, grace, mercy, and His own sacrifice for His people. He conquers not nations, but hearts and minds; His message is one of peace with God. When Jesus makes a triumphal entry into our hearts, He reigns there in peace and love; and as His followers, we exhibit those same qualities. Lent is a time to draw closer to Christ and to remember the forgiveness and New Life He won for us.

During the past few weeks, the children and I have walked the journey, from Palm Sunday through the Easter Triduum. We prayed and discussed the significance of Christ's acts and words during those times, as well as the people who stood by Him.

Our crew enjoyed their adventures in Japan and all the activities of International Week. I want to commend them for their STEM activities and their attention to detail on all the different activities we shared during the week. We also want to thank Mrs. Milo for her visit on Monday and sharing her experiences of living in Japan; to Evan's grandparents who sent us pictures, brochures, and other wonderful treasures to share with the class; to Mrs. Tokar and Mrs. Liben for setting up and hosting our table on Passport Day; and to Mrs. Setear and her volunteers for a wonderful International Feast!

Today the children were overjoyed to be back "home" in our church! What a lovely way to end the week, in prayer and song. We also had a wonderful afternoon creating Kindness Rocks and sharing songs and dance from all the countries that were represented this past week! A great ending to a wonderful week; and a wonderful beginning to a great week of rest, relaxation, and fun!! Have safe and happy travels wherever you might venture during the Spring Break!

As we enter this holiest of weeks, I hope that you will have time to reflect on the great love God has for each of us; and how you can share that love with others in your lives!

Kind Regards,
Mrs. B

Destination: ELA

We have finished *Number the Stars*; the children were excited to see how it ended, but sad that our journey with Annemarie is now over. When we return from break we will review and delve back into our novel for another week before we have a final assessment and then move forward with other reading adventures. We will be working on several nonfiction pieces in our Lit Circles.

We will pick up with a new Spelling unit and also be working on our vocabulary skills and context clues.

Destination: Religion

We had a wonderful celebration with our International Mass this morning. When we return from break, we will be celebrating Easter and learning more about the Easter Season!

Our Parish has a number of rich traditions that you may want to partake in with your child during the upcoming week:

Monday: Reconciliation 3-9pm

Holy Thursday: Morning Prayer at 6:45am and 9:00am

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 pm

Adoration until Midnight

Good Friday: Morning prayer at 6:45am and 9:00am

Children's Stations of the Cross at 12:00 noon

The Passion of the Lord at 3:00pm; confessions following service

Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm

Holy Saturday: Morning Prayer at 8:00am

Reconciliation 10:00am to noon

Blessing of Food at 2:00pm

Easter Vigil at 7:30pm

Easter Masses: Sunrise at 6am; 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am, and 12:00 noon

At Newtown High School at 10:00am

Destination: Math

We are going to spiral back and focus a bit more on long division and multi-digit multiplication for computation practice while moving forward and working with expanded order of operations, as well as probability. Our focus in the upcoming month will be working with application of skills in solving more complex multi-step word problems and working more with decimal computation.

Destination: Science

We will continue our study of clouds and connect these with our study of the water cycle. Erosion and its causes will also be a part of our current unit. The children will be creating models and through STEM activities demonstrate their understanding of the concepts in this unit. We will do a review of our vocabulary the week we return. Today we had a different science lesson on Mt. Fugi; erupting the model Mt. Fugi our crew made and sketching and labeling parts and explaining what caused the eruption in the models. We also viewed actual footage of the last eruption and talked about why it stopped erupting; but, the possibility that someday it could erupt again!

Destination: Social Studies and Writing with Mrs. Damalas:

I hope you have a very restful and happy Spring Break! May our Lord's Resurrection bring you Peace and Joy throughout the year!

Writing –Poetry. We have started reading and learning the different types of poetry. We have also started writing some of our own poetry.

Grammar – We continue working in our Grammar book.

Social Studies – We will start learning the Midwest region.

We are continuing our work in our book. Next, we will be reading about the Southeast States.