

Dear Families,

The children did well for their first full week of school to spite the excitement of the weather. They are enjoying indoor recess as well. We are hoping to get outside next week.

On Thursday, we celebrated the tradition of 100 days left of school for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We spent time talking and enjoying treats.

On Friday, we participated in a prayer service to begin our Lenten season. Ash Wednesday is March 6<sup>th</sup>. The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will go to mass and receive ashes on this day. This begins our season of fasting, almsgiving, and thinking of others. Even though the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade doesn't fast, we ask the children to maybe forgo a treat and use that money to donate towards our school mission which will benefit a school in Ghana. We saw pictures and listened to letters of thanks from the children. Additionally, there is no hot lunch on that day and the children are to bring in bag lunches from home.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is in charge of the mission on the lower wing. Each day, one child will read the mission over the announcements. I am putting a copy of that in the Friday green folder. Each day, they will take turns reading over the intercom during morning prayer.

Enjoy your weekend.

God Bless.

**Religion:** We will learn about the season of lent along with finishing chapter 17 and having our test on Wednesday. Vocabulary- Liturgy of the Word, homily, Gospel, psalm, Old Testament, New Testament, First Reading, Second Reading, Prayer of the Faithful.

**Social Studies:** We will continue learning about the history of the United States focusing on the 13 original colonies. Vocabulary- Colonies, Declaration of Independence, Constitution, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, England.

**Science:** We will continue learning about the Earth's changing surface.

Vocabulary- fossils, dinosaurs, extinct.

**Math:** We will complete our unit on money. We will have a test on Tuesday. We will begin a unit on analyzing data. Vocabulary- penny, nickel, dime, quarter, dollar, cent.

**Reading/Language Arts/Grammar/Spelling:** See attached focus wall and spelling words in Friday folder.