

4B Flight Update for the Week of May 3, 2019

This month's Catholic Virtue is Perseverance. This month's Gospel Value is Compassion.

Special Persons



Prayer for Our Special Persons

Lord, I give you my special person and thank you for them. I thank you for everything that they are and for all their gifts and talents. I thank you for the many things that they have given to others. And for all the kindness that they have shown me.

Lord, at the beginning of time You breathed Your life into creation May you breathe Your life into them now so that each step they take is filled with Your faith. Each thought they think is filled with Your hope and each moment they live is filled with Your love.

*May they fully know Your life
And fully live in Your love
This day and every day. Amen*

Dear 4B Families,

Regardless of what the weather is doing these days (not so sure which season we are really in!) this week we began the month of May! We are on the heels of June and the end of the year; almost impossible to believe! May is the month of our Blessed Mother and what better way to begin the month than with our annual Special Persons Day, which includes mass with the May Crowning and Act of Consecration to Mary! This is always one of the most beautiful days of the school year; our children are always so excited when someone special in their lives visits their school!

This weekend and next, our second graders will make their First Eucharist; we want to keep them in our prayers, especially our siblings, Alex Kari, Alex Rivera, Bernadette Biasetti, Matthew Belisari, Natalie Ruszczyk, and our classmate Max!

As you know we are having a food drive; the collection date has been extended to Thursday, May 9. F.A.I.T.H. Food Pantry, now a part of our St. Rose campus, has been serving the needy for the past 34 years; and 30% of our Newtown families are served by the food pantry! We hope you will join us in our fight against hunger by participating in our classroom contest. We are asking students to bring in nonperishable food items as well as things like unopened/unused soap, shampoo. Please help our students in being a part of this wonderful act of service for the community!

The class had a busy week; we welcome Mrs. Cicarelli as our Writing and Social Studies teacher! Our crew has already made a positive impression and we can all be proud of them. I also want to commend them on their warm welcome and inclusion of our shadow student on Wednesday. During our station rotations, the children worked on a STEM activity with bridges and worked on contrast/compare of their designs and results and did a wonderful job with these. Working in science groups, they made some wonderful diagrams of the different kinds of clouds and their creativity showed through in their end product and presentations!

I wish you sunshine this weekend! Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions.

*Kind Regards,
Mrs. B*

Flight 4B Test Jumps

Wednesday Science Test on Water Cycle and Clouds

Thursday Religion Test; Spelling Test

Destination: ELA

The children enjoyed Number the Stars so much and of course it brought up many questions about the times and why there was a war. This past week we read a story in our Journeys book that tied into the war; our love of dogs and a newspaper started by an inquisitive young author, similar to our class! The children worked in their reading groups to read the story and focus on comprehension skills. In the upcoming week, we will be working on reader response based on the story. We will also be reading a story, about a young reporter and understanding the needs of our community. In addition to working with each story independently, we will also be doing a compare/contrast and focus on the importance of communication; exploring newspapers, news stations, and other modes of sharing news.

Due to the day off on Friday, this week's spelling test will be on Thursday.

Beginning this week, I will incorporate grammar into our ELA block; this was previously taught in their writing class. I will be doing an assessment this week to determine what we have mastered and what we need to focus on. We have worked with Mentor Sentences in reading, so we will expand these and I will be working with the class on diagramming sentences.

Destination: Religion

Our current unit is working with commandment 8. We are learning more about the importance of honesty and our peer relationships and treatment of each other. Our test on this unit will be on Thursday. We are looking forward to beautiful spring weather in the near future, I hope to take the class for a walk to the Mary statue behind the Preschool to pray the rosary. We will continue this through the month of May at different times. In the upcoming week, our rosary will be prayed for our moms as Mother's Day is approaching.

Destination: Math

The children did a great job with connections between fractions and decimals; and they did well with stretching that into connections with percentages. We are working with word problems and understanding money as percentage of a dollar. In the upcoming week we are spiraling back to word problems with multi digit multiplication and long division.

Destination: Science

We will be wrapping up our unit on the Water Cycle and Clouds with several outdoor, weather permitting, science labs. Early next week we will do a final review of vocabulary and concepts and then prepare for our unit test.

Destination: Social Studies and Writing with Mrs. Cicarelli

We worked on our Creative Writing Essays from the demo lesson together last Wednesday. Students brought final copies, with rubric, in on Friday. The essays can be typed or handwritten and only 1 page. We discussed format in class and I'm excited to see the finished product. All have worked so diligently!

We began Chapter 6, Exploring the Southeast, Lesson 1. We read the lesson as a class and reinforced our understanding with notes and classwork questions. We will continue with Lesson 2 on Monday.