

## 4B Flight Update for the Week of November 19, 2018

This month's Catholic Virtue is Gratitude. This month's Gospel Value is Respect for Life.

### Help Me Thanksgiving Day Prayer

O God, when I have food,  
help me to remember the hungry;  
When I have work,  
help me to remember the jobless;  
When I have a home,  
help me to remember those who have no home at all;  
When I am without pain,  
help me to remember those who suffer,  
And remembering,  
help me to destroy my complacency;  
bestir my compassion,  
and be concerned enough to help;  
By word and deed,  
those who cry out for what we take for granted.  
Amen.



### TUESDAY...Mass and Turkey Bowl

Please dress your child in winter dress uniform as they lead the liturgy on Tuesday.

Be sure they have layers for outerwear, include hat, scarf, and gloves in case of a chilly afternoon on Tuesday. A blanket or beach towel, to sit on during the game, is also a good idea!

Dear 4B Families,

What a week! Thank you for making time to meet with me for conferences. I hope you found the new structure of having your child present beneficial! They were so excited about being a part of it and as you saw they did an excellent job reflecting on the quarter and setting goals going forward. While we are disappointed that school was canceled and we couldn't sing at mass on Friday; we are very excited about leading the Thanksgiving Liturgy on Tuesday! We hope that you will join with us and our school community as we gather to thank God for all the blessings he sends our way!

This weekend will find us all busy with holiday preparations and travel plans for the Thanksgiving holiday. As the day draws nearer, I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to you, my 4B family.

Thank you for entrusting me, each day, with the most precious gift God has given you, your child. Thank you for your patience when it takes a little longer to get it just right; for your cooperation when I have to make those changes to our daily routine or calendar. Thank you for understanding that we are all a work in progress; as each year brings us a classroom different from the year before, filled with new challenges and goals, and also with so much joy. Thank you for your dedication to our school and our classroom; for sharing your gifts and talents for classroom and school events and projects; and for your tireless efforts in volunteering and partnering with me to bring your child a rich and full academic life within the context of our faith and our many blessings from above. Thank you for your support with our fundraising and service projects; and your generosity when I ask for yet another box of tissues or classroom need. I am thankful, and realize each day, how blessed I am that God brought us together in this loving and strong community of faith and learning; that working as one, we can make a difference in the lives of His young followers. When I share what I am grateful for on Thursday, I won't forget my 15 daily blessings. We have joined together and have built our classroom community; I can't imagine it without each and every one of them. I am most thankful for their smiles, stories, laughter, accomplishments, and even their struggles to see them persevere and grow. I am blessed with the joy, only a teacher can realize, from the many things that happen throughout the day; the ups and the downs; and in the teaching and learning that we share with each other!

May God go with you in your travels, whether near or far, and may He bless you this holiday season with health, peace, joy, and the love of family and friends. Remembering all of you in my prayers this Thanksgiving and wishing you the most blessed celebration! Happy Thanksgiving!

Warm Regards,  
Mrs. B



**Destination: ELA**

We continued working on inference and summarization skills this past week. To connect with the holiday, we have been read several seasonal books including ones about turkeys as we prepared to work on our disguise a turkey activity. The crew did a great job disguising their turkeys and we are finishing up our stories about them to share with the class.

As a cross curricular with religion, we read the “The Oak Inside the Acorn” by Max Lucado; the children worked on reader response questions and then reflections doing a self to text connection.

We will wrap up our current spelling unit; and begin a new one after the Thanksgiving break.

**Destination: MATH**

Our math rotations in the days after Thanksgiving Break will include multi-digit multiplication, long division, fractions, ordered pairs, and geometry basics. In addition to working on writing and evaluating equations; word problems will also be a focus in all areas.

**Destination: RELIGION**

This past week we have had our introduction to the Liturgical Year and Calendar. When we return from the break, we will be learning more about the colors and the different seasons on the Liturgical Calendar. We are also focusing on Thanksgiving as we write Dear God letters

**Destination: SCIENCE**

We will be wrapping up our work with circuits and moving on to our next topic after the Thanksgiving Break. This will give us an opportunity to look at human use of energy, and then onto waves and instruments.

We continue sharing the “What Do You Do With...?” series and are working on related activities to help us get not only our brainstorming sessions more productive, but also to start thinking about what we need to do to come with three top ideas for our inventions! Our crew is getting very excited about this journey and we will be devoting more time after the break to setup our calendar of tasks and due dates.

**Destination: SOCIAL STUDIES/WRITING (Ms. Damalas)**

We have started our descriptive writing. We are brainstorming and using our organizers to organize our thoughts for our writing. Our topic is Autumn. In our Sadlier Grammar books we are working on complex and compound sentences.

In Social Studies, we have started our 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter. This chapter is about “The American People” and how we are united.



As Thanksgiving Day approaches,  
Our blessings we recall;  
The things we are most thankful for we  
recollect them all.  
You are very special, in all you say and do  
You've made a difference in our lives.  
We're thankful now for you!  
Thank you moms and dads!  
Love, the 4B Crew