

March 6

## Fourth Grade News

(Mrs. Kaminski and Miss Bridges)

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 1:00 Dismissal — **March 16**
- Honor Roll Mass — **March 18**
- Spring Break — **March 20-27**

### WE ARE LEARNING:

**RELIGION:** This week we continued checking in on our Lenten promises through class discussions about our Lenten checklists and by completing reflections in our Lenten journals. It has been wonderful to see students taking their commitments seriously and reflecting on how they can grow closer to God during this season.

We also learned about Saint Joseph, as March is the month dedicated to him. We talked about why "Sleeping St. Joseph" statues are popular and how people place their prayer intentions under them. Students enjoyed making their own Sleeping St. Joseph replicas and placing their prayer intentions inside.

**MATH:** This week in math we continued learning how to measure and draw angles using protractors. Students practiced carefully lining up their protractors and reading the correct scale to ensure accurate measurements. We also learned how to add and subtract angle measures, using what we know about degrees to solve problems and find missing angles.

We will be taking our third ILEARN checkpoint next week, so we also spent time reviewing important skills that will be assessed. Students worked hard practicing a variety of problems and reviewing key concepts to help them feel confident and prepared.

**READING:** Next week we will begin our new novel, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl. We will read ch. 1-7 and the students will begin to fill out their Character Chart. Our focus will be on reading comprehension, vocabulary and the use of figurative language.

**Spelling:** There is no spelling list and activities this week

**ELA:** This week our focus will be on: Writing Descriptive Sentences Using the 5 W's ( who, what, where, when and why ). I call this 'Stretching a Sentence.' We will be practicing this skill of writing all week and on Friday the students will be writing a mini story. ( showing what they know! )

**SCIENCE:** Next week we will be jumping back into science for the next few weeks. We will start off by learning about rock formations, including rock layers, fossils, and different landforms. Students will explore how these features form and what they can tell us about Earth's history. We are excited to dive back into science and begin this new topic together!

### Important Message:

Miss Bridges and myself are receiving quite a bit of late work in all subject areas. We have talked to our students several times about the importance of turning in homework on time. We are past the point in the year of constant reminders, especially when all students record their assignments down in their agendas. If your child is absent, then they get one extra day to complete their work. All other late work will be given half credit only.

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Monday, March 2nd-  
Friday, March 13th

- Student Council will collect all items on 3/13 from each classroom.

