

## Jumpin' for Jack's Class News

**Reading:** This week we wrapped up reading "Freckle Juice". Students did an excellent job discussing the beginning, middle, and end of the story and sharing their thoughts about the characters and events. They also had fun bringing the story to life by creating their own comics to retell important moments. Finally, students wrote reflections about Freckle Juice--sharing their opinions, connections, and favorite parts of the story. Your students are SO creative and I love seeing their creativity come alive in storytelling, writing, and drawing!

**Spelling:** Unit 1 spelling tests went home today, students have worked so hard on these words, great work! Unit 2 spelling words were also sent home, so students can begin practicing right away. Be sure to study the new list over the weekend. We will have our **Unit 2 spelling pretest on Tuesday 9/2**.

**Math:** In math this week we have been practicing addition and subtraction strategies while focusing on using commutative and associative properties to solve problems. Students are also working on explaining their thinking and showing more than one way to solve a problem. Focusing our attention on adding and subtracting problems with and without regrouping has also been a big focus this week.

**Social Studies:** This week in social studies we dived more into maps, using a compass, and coordinates. We did a fun activity on making a map using Cardinal Directions. Please feel free to reach out with any questions, [tjack@saintmatt.org](mailto:tjack@saintmatt.org).

**Science:** In science this week, we focused on sun safety and how to take care of ourselves when we are outside. Students learned that while the sun gives us light and warmth, too much exposure can be harmful. We discussed simple strategies to stay safe including: drinking water to stay hydrated, using sunscreen or clothing that protects us from the sun, and using sunglasses and a hat to protect our eyes and face.

**Religion:** We jumped into our book and began Unit 1 -God Calls Us to Faith. We continued in the book this week reading and discussing how God called Abram and Ruth to "believe". Next week we will discuss how God calls us to believe. The September prayer is due September 30th. If you have further questions, please contact me. [msheehan@saintmatt.org](mailto:msheehan@saintmatt.org).

It has been busy and exciting week of learning and I am so proud of how hard the students are working! **Thank You** to everyone who has sent in items for our classroom treasure box! Students are so excited to be able to get some goodies.

I hope you all enjoy a fun and relaxing long weekend. Please remember that there is **NO school this Monday (9/1) and**

**NO extended care Wednesday (9/3)**

Thank you,

Tamara

**Our school family attends Mass most Wednesdays beginning at 8:30am!**

**St. Matthew Weekend Mass Schedule**

**Saturdays: 5:00pm      Sundays:    7:30am      9:30am      11:30a**