The Sheehan Scoop

Friday, November 14, 2025

<u>Reading/Writing</u>: This week we read chapters #4-6 in the novel <u>Fourth Grade Rats</u> by Jerry Spinelli. We will continue this novel until Thanksgiving break. There will be nightly assignments and weekly <u>quizzes</u> on the chapters we read. This week in writing we started building the foundation for essay writing. We worked on basic opinion paragraphs. We will start to build from this foundation of knowledge to complete an entire opinion essay.

<u>Spelling</u>: We will spend more time developing our spelling with more activities during class. <u>Unit 7</u> Spelling pretest will be Friday, November 21st. If a student gets an "A" on the pretest, they may opt to not take the final spelling test. <u>The final test will be on Friday, December 5th.</u>

<u>Math</u>: This week we completed and tested on Unit 4. We started Unit 5: Using Properties to Multiply by 3,4,6,7,8, and 9 which continues our multiplication journey. The students completed a challenge multiplication football puzzle in pairs. We have started informal timed multiplication tests. Students will have math homework Monday-Thursday. *Students should be memorizing addition, subtraction and multiplication facts. Please put the flashcards to use! *

<u>Social Studies</u>: This week in Social Studies, students have been hard at work comparing and contrasting the cultures of the United States, Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean. We explored traditions, foods, celebrations, languages, and daily life across these regions. Students worked together in groups and had thoughtful discussions about what it might be like to live in a different place and how geography can shape culture. I'm so proud of their curiosity and teamwork! If you have any social studies questions, please email Ms. Jack at tjack@saintmatt.org.

<u>Science</u>: We finished notes for Chapter 2: States of Matter and we reviewed reading and recognizing temperature of a thermometer.

Next Tuesday, November 18 there will be an open book/open notes guiz covering pgs.42-53.

<u>Religion</u>: Chapter #5: Jesus Calls Us to Follow was very short, but impactful. We read and watched videos how Jesus called on the Apostles, Disciples and Saul (Peter) to follow and serve him. We closed out Unit 1 with a review. Next week we will spend time talking about gratitude as we get closer to Thanksgiving. The November prayer Holy, Holy, Holy is due November 25th. A lot of students have already completed it! If you have further questions, please contact me. msheehan@saintmatt.org.

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

St. Matthew Weekend Mass Schedule

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

Special Dates

November 19 1:00 DISMISSAL K-8

Staff Professional Development

*Extended care available

November 20 Open House for Perspective Warriors

5-6:30pm

November 21 Fund-a-Friend for Staff Service Project

November 26-28 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break

December 1-7 PFA Book Fair

December 3 Grandparents/Special Person Day

December 11 K-5 Advent Concert 6:30 in the Church

December 19 1:00 DISMISSAL K-8

NO EXTENDED CARE

END OF 2nd QUARTER

December 22-January 2 NO SCHOOL-Christmas Break

January 5 Return to School