The Sheehan Scoop

Friday, November 21, 2025

<u>Reading/Writing</u>: This week we read chapters #7-9 in the novel <u>Fourth Grade Rats</u> by Jerry Spinelli. We will continue this novel until after Thanksgiving break. There will be nightly assignments and daily <u>quizzes</u>, and a weekly test. We are continuing to build 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. It does seem to help many students on the pretest! 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</u>, <u>December 5th</u>.

<u>Math</u>: We will finish up Unit 5: Using Properties to Multiply by 3,4,6,7,8, and 9 after break we will review and test the content (Tuesday or Wednesday depending on review). Our next unit will be Fractions! 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, students have been focusing on a Social Studies project about the cultures of Canada, the Caribbean, and Mexico. This project has helped them build a deeper understanding of the traditions, daily life, and uniqueness of each region. Students worked collaboratively in groups to take notes, write paragraphs, and create illustrations to show what they've learned. I'm proud of their teamwork and creativity throughout this project! If you have any social studies questions, please email Ms. Jack at <u>tjack@saintmatt.org</u>.

<u>Science</u>: This week we took an open note quiz over Chapter 2: States of Matter. Chapter 3: How Does Force Change Motion? was introduced with a video that shows all the concepts we will be learning with real world examples.

<u>Religion</u>: We spent time this week talking about gratitude as we get closer to Thanksgiving. We wrote a letter of gratitude to author Annie Sullivan who visited us in October (I will mail all the letters). When we return from break, the Advent season will be upon us. Prayer Before Communion was assigned and is due December 18th. 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 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