Shaping Hearts and Minds in the Service of Christ.

## Upcoming Events

January 21- NO SCHOOL January 23- Dr. Maricia McEvoy Parent Information Night **6**:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. January 24- Little Ceaser's Pizza Kit Orders and Payment Due January 27- St. Mary Students Needed to Celebrate all of the Masses January 27- Start of Catholic School's Week \*See the back for a list of all events\* January 28- Scholastic Orders Due January 29- Day of Giving January 31- Third Grade Leads Mass February 1- ALL PIZZA KITS MUST BE PICKED UP 11:30 a.m. -**6**5:30 p.m. Next Week • Students will have a Math guiz over Ch. 7 lessons 1-5 Tuesday. Our Unit 17 Spelling Test will be Tuesday. Bingo sheets are 6 due Wednesday. There will be a Simple Solutions Quiz over lessons 69-72 Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. Virtue of the Month Kindness "Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you." Ephesians 4:32 A Note from Miss Munhall Flu season will officially be here before we know it! To help keep our school clean and students as healthy as possible we are in need of more cleaning wipes. If you are able to send in any wipes, that would be greatly appreciated! Additionally, your child must be fever and vomit free for 24 hours before coming to school. Please consult the handbook for any further questions.

## This Week's Focus

January 18, 2019

**Phonics**- This week students continued to focus on words with the schwa sound. Next week we will be reviewing possessives.

**Reading-** The students wowed me with their final performances of their renditions of the popular book, "The Stinky Cheese Man." We started note taking on the characteristics of poetry. Next week we will be writing our very own cinquain poems about Catholic Schools.

**Writing-** We continued in our informational writing unit this week. Students learned about narrowing a topic of interest into a more precise topic. We used the visual of a watermelon to help us narrow our topics from a 'watermelon topic' to a 'seed topic.' Ask your child to tell you one interesting fact about a Gila Monster.

**Spelling-** The focuses of this week's spelling unit are commonly misspelled words (challenge list) and words writers use (list). The regular list and challenge list were used again for this unit.

**Math**- This week students continued work in Chapter 7. We worked on how to decompose a larger multiplication fact into two smaller known facts to help us solve for the larger fact. It would greatly benefit your child to be logging into Moby Max and practicing Fact Fluency and Math throughout the week. If you have any questions about your child's login information or this wonderful online resource, please do not hesitate to reach out to me!

**Religion-** This week the class discussed our virtue of the month, kindness, and our Saint of the month, Saint Camillus de Lellis. Ask your child to give you an example of what kindness sounds like and looks like.

**Science-** The class is still working in our science unit on the Plant Life Cycle. We made different seeds out of paper and timed how long it would take them to hit the ground to see which types of seed have the least wind resistance. We also labeled the three main parts of a seed, the embryo (first leaves and embryonic root), food storage, and the seed coat.

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