



MARCH NEWS 1st Grade

RELIGION:

SAINT: St. Patrick

VIRTUE: Fortitude

PROVERB: When the going gets tough the tough get going.

SCRIPTURE: “God is charity; and he that abideth in charity abideth in God, and God in him” (1 John 4:16)

I am pleased to introduce myself as your child’s new religion teacher. I am a Lector, Catechist, and Eucharistic Minister at Blessed Pope John XXIII. It gives me great pleasure to assist Dr. Noonan as she was kind enough to allow my beloved parish to begin in her gym eight years ago. I completed my undergraduate studies at Saint Thomas Aquinas College and minored in secondary education. While living in New York I had my 7-12th certification to teach history. I also earned my graduate degree from Fordham University in Social Work. I look forward teaching my faith and getting to know your children.


God Bless,

Mrs. Millan

CHARACTER EDUCATION: We will be learning about etiquette, table manners, and polite gestures. Students will practice what they learn in mock situations and skits. We will read and discuss stories that highlight our Six Pillars of Character. We will talk about being prepared for emergencies and how to create our own first aid kits.

Miss Wichman

READING: We will be finishing our work in the first textbook. We will be reading “The Three Billy Goats Gruff” retold by Christine Crocker and “Little Green Riding Hood” by Nadine Bernard Westcott before beginning our



work in the second textbook. Please help your child remember to bring their library/AR books back to school on Tuesday. The Reading Log is due every Friday. Feel free to have your child read their AR book for their Reading Log. We will be reading Dr. Seuss books this month in honor of his birthday.

Miss Wichman

ENGLISH: The children have been doing a great job classifying sentences by identifying nouns, verbs, adverbs, adjectives, and article adjectives. We will be learning about synonyms and antonyms. The children continue to work on building their own sentences and correcting sentences for capitalization mistakes. We are continuing to memorize the poem “Geography” by Eleanor Farjeon.

Miss Wichman

SCIENCE: During this month, they have continued to study animal classification by selecting pictures to glue into their Science journals.


Mrs. Haas


SOCIAL STUDIES: February allowed us to study Abraham Lincoln and George Washington for facts about their lives and their admirable character traits. While the Olympics became a favorite national topic, we also learned about the games. The games also gave the opportunity to discuss what competing by the rules with honor means.

Mrs. Haas

MATH: Do you now know what range, mode, and medium mean when applied to graphs? As you can tell from your child’s work, they have already made progress on the next topic which is Place Value to 100. They have just started working on the multiplication tables. Of course, by beginning with the easiest tables first – 10’s, 5’s, 1’s, and eventually 2’s. There will not be any tests or homework on multiplication. The children simply get so excited over the idea of multiplication.

Mrs. Haas





HANDWRITING: We are continuing to work on learning the correct formation of our upper case manuscript letters. We will be focusing on A, B, D, M, N, P, and R.

Miss Wichman

PHONICS, VOCABULARY & SPELLING: As combinations become familiar, focus will shift to vowel/letter combinations and sounds such as ou and ow. More time is being spent with applying coding to different vowel patterns. You will be seeing the children code more difficult words, and this is possible as they become more secure with the rules. Please continue all you are doing at home with your child. Reading abilities are improving and it is due to increased phonemic awareness, decoding/blending skills, and modeling of reading. I ask you to continue to read with your child every night and encourage them to read as much as possible to you.

Mrs. Haas

SPANISH: We finished the unit – *El Calendario* (The Calendar). Everyone did *may bien* on this unit. Our next unit of study is called *Tienes Hambre?* (Are you Hungry?) We will be learning and talking about the names of different foods and most importantly about good nutrition. A great way to end this unit will be with a little *fiesta*.

Mrs. Piper

ART: The children will be working on a St. Patrick's Day Project with three parts. They will be coloring, utilizing their fine motor skills with scissors as well as organizing and gluing together their finished product.

Mrs. Millan

MUSIC: Everyone is getting revved up for the Spring Musical! We'll be practicing lines, dancing, and singing in class this month. All students should be practicing their lines with parents at home.

Mrs. Schroeder

PHYSICAL EDUCATION: We begin the dance unit for the month of March. Students will focus especially on coordination, rhythmic accuracy, and the ability to repeat a group of motions in a sequence.

Mrs. Schroeder





VOCABULARY WORDS for the MONTH

Euphony - pleasing or sweet sound

Inhibit – to prevent or hold back from doing something

STUDENTS of the MONTH

Alyssa & Mazen

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MAZEN

HOMEWORK: Please, continue to check your child’s red folder each night for homework. Not every child is bringing back their homework . I know there are always times when it is forgotten, and I understand.

VALENTINE’S PARTY – “Thank you” to the parents who sent food for our party. We had strawberries, blueberries, ice cream, cheese, crackers, pretzels, popcorn, goldfish, and popsicles; we still have some left for special treats. I want to especially thank Mrs. McCarthy and Mrs. Ermacora for helping the day of the party. The children were so excited making the Valentine bags, and passing out and receiving their special Valentine’s Day cards.

MARCH REMINDERS:

8th -13th . – Book Fair Week

9th – Family Night at the Book Fair 3:30-6:30

Open House till 6:30-7:30

10th – Casual Dress pictures

19th – Calusa Nature Center field trip (more information to come)

22nd – 26th – SAT’s

29th – Health Screenings