



Mrs. Otte's Weekly Update



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Update on our Reading Goal

STUDENTS HAVE BEEN LOGGING ALL THEIR BOOKS ON THEIR VIRTUAL BOOKSHELF ON BIBLIONASIAM.COM. AS A WRAP-UP OF QUARTER TWO, AND TO SET GOALS FOR QUARTER THREE, WE TOTALED OUR INDIVIDUAL NUMBER OF BOOKS READ SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR. AS A CLASS WE HAVE READ 226 BOOKS! OUR CLASS BELIEVES THAT WE CAN EASILY REACH OUR GOAL OF 400 BOOKS READ BY THE END OF THE YEAR. STUDENTS ARE SHARING BOOKS WITH OTHERS, AND MANY STUDENTS HAVE A LONG LIST OF FUTURE BOOKS TO READ. I RARELY HEAR THE WORDS, "I HAVE NOTHING TO READ!" THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT ON ENCOURAGING YOUR CHILD TO READ AT NIGHT. I TRULY HOPE THIS BECOMES A LIFELONG LOVE OF READING.

Dates to Remember

FEB. 5 & 9	PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
FEB. 12	VALENTINE'S PARTY
FEB 13 & 16	NO SCHOOL
FEB. 18	ASH WEDNESDAY — FIFTH GRADE MASS

Writing: STUDENTS WROTE DOWN THEIR FIVE TOPICS THEY WANT TO WRITE ABOUT FOR THEIR SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRY MAGAZINE PROJECTS. ONCE THEY HAD AN IDEA OF THEIR TOPICS, THEY SPENT TIME RESEARCHING AND LOOKING FOR INFORMATION. NEXT WEEK WE WILL BE STARTING THE ROUGH DRAFT OF OUR FIRST ARTICLE.

Religion: THIS WEEK STUDENTS CONTINUED TO WORK ON THEIR PILGRIMAGE PROJECTS ON THINGLINK.COM. MANY OF THEM NOW WANT TO GO VISIT THEIR SPECIAL LOCATION TO DISCOVER IT IN PERSON. STUDENTS ALSO WORKED ON THEIR PARTS OF THE MASS TIMELINE. WE WILL BE GETTING BACK TO THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION NEXT WEEK.

Math: IN MATH WE ARE CONTINUALLY USING THE SAME WORDS OVER AND OVER AGAIN. THESE WORDS INCLUDE: FRACTION, IMPROPER FRACTION, MIXED NUMBER, NUMERATOR, DENOMINATOR, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, SIMPLEST FORM. WE BEGAN ADDING AND SUBTRACTION FRACTION WITH UNLIKE DENOMINATORS THIS WEEK. FINDING THE LEAST COMMON DENOMINATOR IS A VERY TOUGH SKILL THAT REQUIRED TONS OF PRACTICE. IN CENTERS THIS WEEK, WE WILL BE PLAYING A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT GAMES TO PRACTICE THIS SKILL.

Science: THIS WEEK WE STARTED READING ABOUT THE CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM AND LEARNING ABOUT THE HEART! IT IS FITTING THAT WE WILL BE STUDYING THE HEART IN FEBRUARY FOR HEART MONTH. STUDENTS COULD NOT WAIT TO DISSECT THE CHICKEN WING. UNFORTUNATELY THE SNOW DAY PUSHED THIS BACK TO NEXT TUESDAY. BE LOOKING FOR PICTURES NEXT NEWSLETTER AS WELL AS A CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK REVIEW!