Mrs. Otte's Weekly Update

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Start, Stop, Switch!

These last two weeks have been very busy! With Catholic Schools Week and two snow days we have had a lot of interruptions to our normal schedule. The students handled it very well and finished their winter round of MAP testing with many successes. In the next couple weeks we will be self reflecting on our strength areas and our goal areas in order to finish off the year strong.

Catholic Schools Week was a wonderful week of celebrating our faith. For the Thursday cheer competition, we came up with three basic words that we live by at a Catholic school: pray, know, and serve. Students had a great time creating the banner and cheer. Check out the Condor Blog for many Catholic Schools Week pictures.

Dates to Remember

Feb. 10	100 Day Celebration
Feb. 12	Valentine's Party
Feb 13 & 16	No School
Feb. 18	Ash Wednesday – Fifth Grade Mass

Religion: Father Simons visited our classroom this week and we told him about our pilgrimage projects. He told us about Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette, whom we will be celebrating next Wednesday at Mass. It was interesting to hear the story of St. Bernadette and look up pictures online to see where Mary appeared to her in a garbage cave.

Math: Students learned how to add and subtract mixed numbers this week during Math. They are continuing to practice how to simplify, as well as change improper fractions to mixed numbers. They are already eager to learn how to multiply and divide fractions.

Science: The students could not wait to dissect chicken wings this week. Pictures will be posted soon to the Condor Blog! Owen brought in his deer heart as well and the students looked at the heart up close. Students learned how the blood flows through the heart. Thank you to our substitute, Mrs. Raap, who was so willing to teach this while I was gone!

Social Studies: As a class we learned how to make a line graph. Each student recorded high temperatures from three different cities in their given country. As a class we created a line graph as a model and then they completed their own using the data they collected. Next week we hope to turn this hand drawn line graph into a computer generated line graph.