

Dear Parents,

We will continue talking about Lenten practices this month. Renewing the spirit within us, practicing good habits, and treating others with the respect we want in our lives are just a few of the points the lessons try to bring home to the students. On March 10 we will be leading the 12:15 Stations of the Cross with our 1st grade friends in church if you can make it on your lunch hour.

In Reading our Problem Solvers unit will end this week, and we will begin the next on Heros. Biographies about Gloria Estefan and Lou Gehrig are included. Biographies are a wonderful source of history in the making.

Math lessons have the students working on equivalent fractions and finding the fraction of a number i.e.:  $\frac{2}{3}$  of  $12 = 8$ . Fourth grade presents these in a more abstract way than they have used before in fractions. It takes some practice, but they are doing a good job so far.

We wrapped up a chapter on the properties of matter in Science last week. We will talk about energy this week getting ready for our unit on magnetism and electricity.

English classes have completed nouns, verbs, and adjectives. Now we have a chapter on writing sentences. We will explore the mechanics as well as writing interesting complete sentences. We will also be writing a letter to someone, either fictitious or real, and addressing an envelope correctly.

Happy St. Patrick's Day,

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