



January



Holy Cross Lutheran
Wichita, KS

January 12, 2018

Mrs. Thomas' Classroom Newsletter

Historical Wax Museum

The date is quickly approaching! Hopefully costumes, props, and speeches are going well. I worked with each of the kids on their speeches this week. They should be working on memorizing them **every night!** Encourage them to speak slowly and clearly. We will start practicing them regularly in class on Tuesday.

Also, on the Thursday of the Museum, we will be having lunch at the normal time, but we will NOT be going to recess. We will start getting dressed at about 11:30 or so. If your child needs help with his or her costume, hair, or makeup, please plan on coming to the room at that time. We will also take props to the gym at that time.

Thanks to Mrs. Kuhlman (drinks), Mrs. Deutsch (cheese & crackers), Mrs. Davis (fruit), Mrs. Amey (fruit), and Mrs. Keene (a sweet?) who volunteered to bring snacks for after the event. If you are not able to do so, please let me know, and I will try to line someone else up. The kids really do get tired and need a little "pick-me-up" after they work so hard for 45 minutes straight! Thanks again! Invitations will come home soon!

Congratulations-

Congratulations to Ava and Gabe at the Geography Bee yesterday! It takes courage to get up in front of peers and adults and be asked difficult questions about places in our nation and world! We are proud of you! Thanks also to Jordan for standing ready in case we needed her!

Reading-

This week we discuss how people can be good friends by being trustworthy. We were introduced to a new set of vocabulary words and worked with a variety of skills including visualization, point of view, and context clues. We identified elements of fantasy in texts that we read.

English-

Last Friday we reviewed haikus and wrote three examples using the theme of winter. The students worked with action and linking verbs.

Religion-

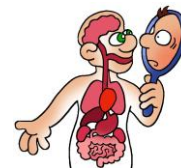
We identified God's power at work in the life and witness of David as he slayed Goliath. We visited about situations in which God and His name are attacked and how we should trust in God and His might when faced with situations in which God's name is slandered or God's people are attacked because of their faith. We also studied the friendship of David and Jonathan and recognize that good friends are blessings from God. **Memory for Friday will be the beginning of the Third Article's meaning: What does this mean? I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him.**

Social Studies-

We learned about the major cities in the Middle Atlantic states and looked at the benefits and challenges of city life. We defined population density and analyzed information from maps concerning the population of the United States. The next states test will be Friday over the first set of Southeast states.

Science-

We learned about the parts of the digestive system and the function of each part.



Math-

We identified multiples and factors of a given number and distinguished between prime and composite numbers. We also compared and ordered fractions with different denominators using manipulatives. I also used this week to spend some extra time on long division.

Spelling-

Our next test will be Monday, January 22nd.



Spanish-

The 4th graders reviewed weather conditions in Spanish (it is hot; it is cool; it is raining, etc.). They started learning days of the week.

AR Star Readers!

The AR 3rd Quarter Reading Challenge is in full swing. Kids are reading for points through March 15th. I would like every 4th grader to achieve a minimum of 8 points this quarter. Our class goal is 230 points. Grab a good book and get lost in another world!



Next Week's Highlights

Monday

(NO SCHOOL)

Tuesday

Know Character Speech 100%

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Memory Work

States Test- Southeast Region #1

Upcoming Events

Monday, January 15th-

NO SCHOOL-Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Friday, January 19th-

Parents in Prayer/"Step-Up Day"-Grades K-7/
Musical Auditions, Grades 3-5, starting at 3:30
(Students will sign up for time slot before then.)

Friday, January 26th-

"Parent Step-Up Day", 8:15-9:15 am/Free
Dress Day/Grades 1-5 attend "Annie"

Tuesday, February 6th-

Reenrollment Forms and Fees Due

Thursday, February 8th, 12:30-1:15 pm-

Historical Wax Museum

Friday, February 9th-

PTL Fun Night: Dinner at 6-7 pm; Dessert
Auction at 6:30; Games/Bingo/Crafts/DJ from
7-9 pm

February 12th-15th-

Spirit Week-Watch for more information

Wednesday, February 14th-

Valentine's Day Party

Friday, February 16th-

NO SCHOOL-Topeka Tournament/Meetings

Week 2

wrinkle

knead

plumber

resign

wriggle

knives

combs

doubtful

wrapper

known

thumbs

hour

wrench

kneel

lambs

honesty

answer

knew

condemn

honor

Review & Challenge Words

person

curl

shirt

knuckles

wrestle

**Southeast Region
States Test #1
Friday, January 19th**

Little Rock, Arkansas
Frankfort, Kentucky
Nashville, Tennessee
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Jackson, Mississippi
Montgomery, Alabama
Tallahassee, Florida