

# Happy February, everyone!

## February Calendar:

9-11 Catholic Schools' Week

Continued

9-Red, White, Blue Day

10- Teacher's favorite colors

Celebrate Our Vocations/Families

Mid quarter

11-Celebrate our faculty/staff

11,14,25 Mass 10:15 AM

11-confessions

14- Valentine Parties (see below)

15-Class movie field trip

16-Professional development noon dismissal

21-President's Day; no school

## Plan Ahead:

Mar 9 –Science Fair due

Mar. 10 3rd quarter ends

Mar. 11 no school Prof. dev

Mar. 24- Report cards go home

**Science Fair** information has been sent via FAST DIRECT. By now, if your child is doing an experiment or observation, they should have their background, hypothesis, and procedure completed. If they are doing an invention, engineering, or model, then they should have their background completed, and about half the other slides. I'm sending home the signed safety form tonight. After you sign it, you may take a picture of it and email it to your child at school, then they can add it to the project. It's due in just under one month.

**Valentine Parties:** The plan for the Valentine celebration will be as follows:

2:00-2:20 We will have a snack and deliver any Valentines that we have to give out. If your child sends a Valentine for anyone in the class, then they must also send one to EVERYone in the class. I just do not want hurt feelings. These are not mandatory. In addition, if you LOVE to make Valentine boxes, then please do. If they aren't your thing, I have paper lunch bags for them.

2:30-2:50 We have invited grade 4 to join us for a dance party.

2:55 Clean up      3:00 dismissal



**Snacks for Valentine parties:** We will have a salty and sweet snack again. That works well. I request that they are easy to hand out so we can have time for the dance party. If you're interested in sending this, please let me know, and I'll update the website accordingly. Also water is a big hit with the 'packets' of flavor. **Please keep in mind that we have a food allergy to the color red, pink, orange, & purple (artificial or red 40) . Yellow is a safe color.**

**Thursday folders:** Please remember to sign these weekly and return by Monday morning! Thank you.

**3rd quarter slide:** Notoriously, students have a 3rd quarter slide in grades. Not only does the work get harder, but in addition, the students get "sick of school" in the 3rd quarter. Please monitor their grades regularly. I've spoken to them about doing their personal best and not just "enough to get by". We're changing our mindset from asking, "Is this good enough?" to "Is this my very best?" In addition, I've had a very difficult time getting the students to listen. They **talk. They talk a lot.** As a whole class, this is a real issue. A SERIOUS ISSUE. I've explained to them that to get smarter, they HAVE to pay attention in class and listen. Please discuss this with your child at home as well.

**Math:** The extra credit papers are going home today. Please encourage your child to look over their math homework carefully.

**Field trip forms and money:** Please send in the \$15 for the bus/movie along with the permission slip ASAP.

**Vocab Tests:** Please be sure to study for the vocab tests at home. The dates of the tests are listed in the assignment books.

**Uniforms:** Please refer to the uniform guidelines.

Rules that most need attention: **Pants** should be worn with a **belt**. **Shirts** should be tucked in. **School uniform tops** (Monday-Thursdays) and **Spirit wear** (Fridays) are permitted. Other sweatshirts, etc. need to be taken off for class.

### **A note from Mrs. Geatley:**

It is extremely important that your child complete their weekly work. I have started keeping students in from their first recess if their classwork is not completed. Every week they have spelling words that are stapled into their assignment books. They are also found in Google Spelling 5 classroom. Each week there is a worksheet or an activity.

In reading we are reading the novel, Number the Stars. There will be a test over the whole book, so make sure to check your child's assignment book regularly. I anticipate that it will occur the second week of March.

We are starting Biztown lessons and our field trip is March 15.

I have noticed a decline in grades in both reading and spelling. Please use Spelling City to help your child prepare for spelling tests.

**I am also concerned about the talking and the lack of focus in class. Please discuss this with your child so it can be corrected before I need to hand behavioral notices out.**

I also suggest they read a minimum of 30 minutes a week!

If you have any questions or concerns about the progress of your child, please feel free to contact me.