

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- As we head into the very cold months of winter, please know that we will continue to go outside for lunch and recess. It is very important that the students get fresh air. Students must bring coats, hats, and gloves with them to school. Ladies should not have bare legs when the temperature is below freezing. Please make sure they wear tights or leggings under their jumpers. Bringing a towel to sit on outside when eating is also a good idea.
- Hello I am Mr. Jones and will be subbing for Mrs. Grassi-Mikell. I look forward to upholding the high standards that these 3rd grade teachers have maintained. I will do my best to continue the patterns the students are used to and will focus on helping all students achieve their goals.
- Please do **not send any nut products this year**, this includes in lunches. Thank you
- We are aware that there is potential for another winter storm Sunday into Monday. Fortunately, Monday is a federal holiday and school is closed. If we are unable to physically be in the building on Tuesday, we are planning on attempting a virtual day. We are doing this because we have already missed 5 days of school and hope to not add make-up days to the end of our school year. We fully realize that this plan only works if the area does not lose power or internet. If we have virtual school and you cannot access, it will be an excused absence. Teachers will be sending home materials that will be needed in the event that we are home. JK-3rd grade will be largely asynchronous, with digital check-ins available throughout the day. Please know that this is just an attempt. If it is just not feasible, we will cancel school as we normally would.
 - For 3rd grade - If we attempt this you will receive and email first thing Tuesday morning from Mrs. Kelliher with all the information that you need. The work needed is in their Friday Folders.
- Important upcoming dates:
 - Jan. 17th - No School
 - Jan. 21st - Math Performance Series Testing
 - Jan. 25th - Reading Performance Series Testing
 - Jan. 30th - Feb 5th - Catholic Schools Week
 - Click [here](#) for all the information.

- Uniform reminder - Please make sure if your child is wearing a polo and pants that they can tuck their polo in and that **they are wearing a belt.**
- Contact us:
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English Language Arts

This week we jumped right back into our routines and everyone rocked it! In grammar we worked on becoming “pronoun pros.” For writing we did a short paragraph on a word/characteristic that we want to work on for the year (some really cool answers- look for it in their Friday Folders). For reading we worked on our final whole class novel study, Charlotte’s Web. We focused on comprehension through our novel study packet and played a game to work on cause and effect. We continued on with our cursive and spelling.

Next week will be a lot of the same as we continue working through Charlotte’s Web, cursive, and pronouns. We will focus on comparing and contrasting with our comprehension and will skip spelling with having no school Monday and Performance Series on Friday. During the week I will also be doing a mid-year assessment of spelling and reading fluency to check for progress. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Religion

This week we talked about how we can show love and how God teaches us love. We explored this by talking about the 10 commandments and the beatitudes. We also started our discussion on sin by answering the question, “What turns us away from God?”. During chapel they received a challenge to read a book of the Bible from start to finish. I also did a quick check to see where they were with their ability to recite prayers.

Next week, we will be looking at “What turns us towards love?” We will spend time reviewing the 10 Commandments, Beatitudes, and sin as well.

Math

The students came back ready to learn math! We began the week working on estimation and progressed to regrouping for multiple digit subtraction. We will have had an assessment this Friday on subtraction and estimation.

Tuesday and Thursday we practiced our addition and subtraction fluency and students are welcome to use these websites at home.

- Please have students use these sites for review when possible..
- Websites: Addition and Subtraction fluency practice- go to www.mathtrainer.com, or <https://tangmath.com/numskill> *Work on Subtraction and Addition*
- Math Concepts and Skills Review and Practice- go to www.studyisland.com, their username and password are in their agenda. #3 Computations and Estimations: Letter A Addition, Subtraction, and Estimation is what will be done this week
- Use <https://www.splashlearn.com/> to explore repeated addition to help prep students for multiplication. Login directions below:
 1. Visit [splashlearn.com/student](https://www.splashlearn.com/student) or Download SplashLearn iPad app and login as student
 2. Enter class code: JEDSLB
 3. Select Student Name
 4. Enter Student Password : globe7

Students continue to review how to estimate when subtracting three and four digit numbers and work on the strategies for mental math. Next week students will be introduced to multiplication using the repeated addition method. Will will reinforce the idea in class with math manipulatives and focus on presenting multiplication as the addition of repeated numbers in different ways.

- Homework: We will be adding Wednesday to our homework schedule beginning in January. They will be working on our Study Island website and complete fifteen math problems each Wednesday afternoon/evening. Their username and password is located in their agenda.

Snow day pages 157-158 and 163-164 went home in the Friday folder. Do not do these over the weekend but only if we miss next Tuesday Otherwise 157-158 will be homework due Wed. Jan. 19th and 163-164 will be due Thursday Jan. 20th.

Science

This week students discover how living things survive in their ecosystems by using adaptations, and they will be introduced to the corresponding vocabulary. We will also review vertebrates and invertebrates.

The next Science assessment will be Thursday January 20th.
A review for the assessment completed in class went home in the Friday folder.

Next week we will cover the classification of different types of animals and their diets. Will will also explore how animals interact with the plants and other animals in their ecosystem.

Social Studies

This week students will explore the Continent of Europe and learn about the Alps, Greece, the Italian Peninsula, and the Mediterranean Sea.

The unit Test will be given January 19th.

A study guide will be sent out in their Friday Folders on the five continents and the geographic features of each continent. They will begin their project on developing a travel advertisement brochure which will include all geographic features on each of our continents.

The Travel Advertisement will be completed in class by January 20th and we will present them on the 21st. (Due dates will be adjusted in the event of snow)