

4th Grade News

This week in Science, we finished learning about the 3 states of matter: Solid, Liquid, and Gas. Did you know that all of those states of matter are made up of atoms? Solid's atoms are packed closely together. Liquid's atoms can slide/move past each other. Gas' atoms spread out indefinitely. That means they don't touch. We tested on Thursday. – **Gabe**

This week in Math, we learned about Quadrilaterals. They are shapes that have four sides. Some quadrilaterals have special names because they have specific attributes. For instance, a square has four equal sides, four equal angles, and 2 sets of parallel lines. Did you know that a square can be a rectangle, but a rectangle cannot be a square? Now that's cool! That's all parents. Bye! – **Carter**

In English, we are learning about subject-verb agreement. If the subject is singular you add -s or -es. If the subject is plural you don't add anything! It was fun! We had a worksheet on them. I

love learning new things! – **Ashlyn**

In Religion, we are learning about the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes are teachings from Jesus that help us live a life full of happiness. Beatitude actually means *happiness*. There are eight beatitudes:



– **Emali**

This week in Social, we started learning the Preamble song from School House Rock, which we have to memorize! We also learned the Branches of Government. The Legislative Branch is the branch that makes the laws. ...Cont. on next pg.

Spelling

1. watermelon
2. homemade
3. understand
4. sometimes
5. shoelace
6. highway
7. upstairs
8. thunderstorm
9. shortcut
10. doorbell
11. jellyfish
12. touchdown
13. campfire
14. skateboard
15. anyway
16. fireworks
17. haircut
18. loudspeaker
19. laptop
20. flashlight
21. masterpiece
22. stomachache
23. cliffhanger
24. sweatshirt
25. afterthought

NEXT WEEK:

- OLPA test on Thursday
- FUTURE:
- Jan. 21 End of 2nd Qrt
 - Jan. 22 No School
 - Jan. 30-31 Catholic Schools Week kick off masses, spaghetti supper, and pancake breakfast.

The Judicial Branch is the branch that makes sure the laws agree with the Constitution. The Executive Branch is the branch that carries out the laws. The President is in Charge of the Executive Branch. Hope you learned something from us. – Zachary

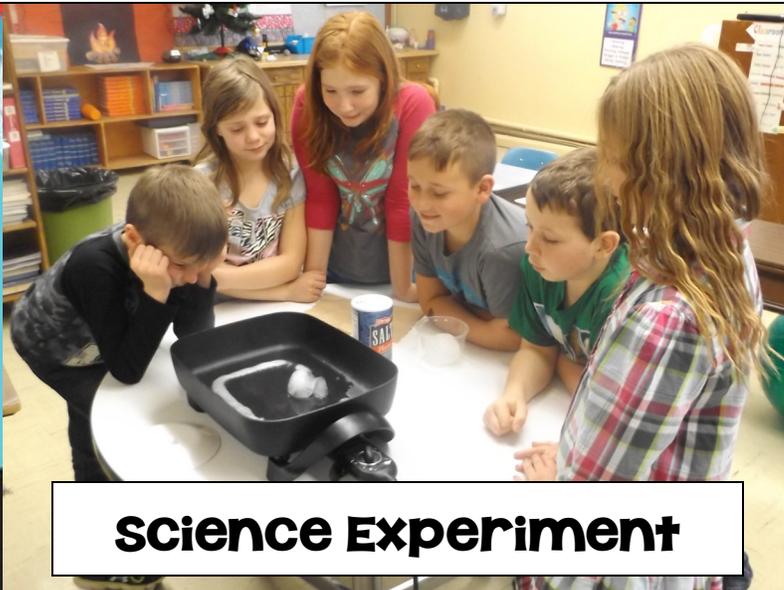
In Reading this week, we read two stories. It was great! My favorite was *The Ant and the Bear*. My least favorite was *How Night Came from the Sea*. Both stories are pourquoi (/poo-qwah/) tales. Pourquoi tales are passed down in a culture and they tell how nature came to be. Both these stories told how night came to be.

One day Whone, the Changer, gave Ant and Bear the task of deciding how long day and night should be. They fought and they fought about it. Bear wanted half the year dark, and half the year light. Ant wanted dark and light every day. According to the tale, as you can tell, Ant got his way, but we all know that God did it all, not Whone, the Changer.

In the second story, it talked about a girl who lived in the sea with her mother Imenja. She left the sea to live with her husband on land. It was always light out and she didn't like it, because she was use to the dark of the sea. So, her husband sent three of his best men to Imenja to ask for darkness. When they found her they received a bag of night spirits. Imenja told them not to open it without the daughter because only she could calm the spirits. On their way back they heard voices and noises in the bag, they opened it and ran away. They were happy, because the daughter was there on the beach to calm it. As you can see it is a pretty good story. - Lauren

We had a very productive first week back from school! Stay warm this weekend!

- Mrs. P and the 4th Graders



Science Experiment

