

4th Grade News

Mar. 20-24

Welcome back from Spring Break!! We all had fun during our week off and our favorite parts are on the next page. We are happy to be back to our regular routine in class. This week was a pretty normal week. We had all five days, and only one surprise interruption. On Wednesday, we went to the gym for a presentation from a soon-to-be sister/nun. She talked about her journey to be a sister, and how she walked the Camino Trail. She was even able to see the Pope!! How cool.

This week in Reading, we read a story called *Sailing Home*. It's about a family that lived on board the *John Ena*, a cargo ship, at the end of the 1800s. It went on 44 voyages over its time in the water, and some trips could be weeks long, and some could take as long as five months! The family loved living on the ship, and when they reached land they couldn't wait to go back out to sea. The family and the whole crew became part of a family, and when the steam ships were taking over the shipping industry, the family was saddened to have to depart from each other. Some of

us thought it would be fun to live on a ship, while a few thought it would be too dangerous or boring to be on a ship that long.

In English, we worked with adjectives, and articles. Adjectives are describing words, and they describe nouns or pronouns by answering three different questions: *which kind, how many, which one*.

Articles are special adjectives: *a, an, and the*. When we use adjectives in our sentences, the reader is better able to imagine or visualize what the author is talking about. Here is an example of a sentence using adjectives and articles. *The tall man was bending over to pet a short, brown puppy.*

In Math, we are starting to learn about angles. We know how to name them, (angle abc), and we know which type of angle they are: acute, obtuse, right, and straight. Next week, we will be working with a protractor to see if we can measure the angles.

Spelling

1. basic
2. vacant
3. secret
4. honor
5. local
6. novel
7. olive
8. tiger
9. spinach
10. second
11. donate
12. locust
13. beware
14. emotion
15. cabin
16. tripod
17. dragon
18. habit
19. tribute
20. lizard
21. icicles
22. lemonade
23. momentum
24. economy
25. isosceles

NEXT WEEK:

- Mar. 31 End of 3rd Qrt
- Mar. 27-28 Nutrition Class with Mrs. Peterson

FUTURE:

- Apr. 3 2 Hour Early Out
- Apr. 14 NO SCHOOL Easter!
- May 1-3 Audubon Center
- May 6 Spring Blast

We continue to read through our Lenten book, and we continue on our Lenten journey. Each day we fill out a slip asking for God's assistance with something. It may be asking him to help us do good today, or to use our talents in some way, to asking him for help praying for someone. We will be starting to learn about the Works of Mercy shortly.

In Science, we are learning why matter matters. So far, we know that all matter is made of atoms, and from a previous unit, we

know that atoms are the building blocks of everything. So, if we put two and two together, we know that everything is matter! We are also learning about the properties of matter: shape, mass, and volume. Depending on which properties it has, it is then put into one of three categories: solid, liquid, or gas.

- Mrs. P and the 4th Graders



Fish Fry



St. Patrick's Day Scavenger Hunt

