

Divine Mercy Academy

Schoolwide Newsletter

March 4, 2019

OUR VIRTUE: *Perseverance*

THIS WEEK:

Saint: John Bosco

History: Pioneer Life Out West

Nature Studies: Solar Energy

Query: What modern luxury would you miss most if you lived like a pioneer?

All School News:

- The DMA School Board has a meeting tonight at 6 pm in the lunchroom. Parents are welcome to attend. (This has been moved from its normal Tuesday slot so that everyone can go enjoy the Knights chili cook off at the Church on March 5!)
- Don't forget to register your children for the fall!! Two classes look like they'll get very close to their cap, so please don't delay!
- A friend of one of our families is liquidating shoe inventory from a former shoe store, and many of them can be used as school shoes!! They are graciously selling these shoes at a great price, with half of the proceeds benefiting DMA. This will be done in a private Facebook group that will open tomorrow, Tuesday, March 5. Here is the link:
<https://m.facebook.com/groups/2221935244724314>
- Ash Wednesday Masses are at 7:30 am and 7 pm in Belgrade. To give families and teachers the chance to attend early Mass, we will have a delayed start and assembly will begin at 9 am that morning (March 6).
 - ***If you want your children to attend Mass with us, they must be here by 7:20 to walk to the church. Otherwise, please have them to school at 9.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- The blinds in the JPII building are in need of some serious dusting! Please respond to this email if a little cleaning sounds like a good way to get some volunteer hours!

Classical Corner:

Music In the Soul
A Reflection from Cheryl Roller

In my new role as DMA's administrator, I have found myself lingering after Morning Assembly to witness young voices in training, as Mrs. Kostyal nudges students' pitch, coaches the challenges of singing harmony, and instills appreciation for the Latin lyrics. Schola class is a favorite among students, and indeed it is central to our school's classical philosophy. In his book *Beauty for Truth's Sake*, Stanford Caldecott elaborates on Pope Benedict's vision of human existence being fundamentally "liturgical." Caldecott says that "our lives can be oriented toward God by prayer and action in such a way that the interior world of the human soul and the exterior world of the society and universe are brought into harmony" (p.13). Big stuff! But that is what DMA strives to do throughout the day. The harmony is just quite obvious in Schola class.

Classroom News

K-1 News

Language Arts: We have a busy week before Spring Break of reviewing the H brothers and magic E, as well as being introduced to the idea of synonyms.

Math: This week will include some fun activities with ordering numbers. We will also play a fun game on a floor-size number chart, helping students start to recognize patterns and relationships between numbers.

Art: We will make a mural of the pioneers as a class this week! Students will also work on copying another piece of artwork from a Caldecott award winning book.

History: We will look at some of the driving forces that led pioneers west, including the idea of Manifest Destiny. Students will also get to decide if they would have been brave enough to go west with the pioneers.

Religion: Students did great with the Ten Commandments and Seven Deadly Sins Last Week. This week we'll shift to the positive emphases in our faith and look at the Corporal Works of Mercy.

2-3 News

Tuesday: MSU Science Field Trip- pizza lunch provided

Review these spelling/vocab: "able" words

1. avoidable
2. believable
3. loveable
4. Missouri
5. Oregon
6. Nebraska
7. Wyoming
8. Idaho

Review these math concepts at home:

G2: multiple by 5, reading analog clocks, subtraction with regrouping

G3: memorizing all multiplication facts from 1-12, dividing, capacity

Lectio Divina: Luke 4:1-13

Memory Verse: "Walk with your feet on earth, but in your heart, be in heaven." St. John Bosco

4-5 News

Language Arts:

- **Grammar:** This week we will start learning about possessive nouns.
- **Writing:** This week we will start a unit on persuasive writing by starting with the differences between it and expository.
- **Reading:** We will continue reading *Bull Run* by Paul Fleischman. In the novel the author re-creates the first great battle of the Civil War from points of view of sixteen participants (Northern/Southern, Male/Female, and African American/White). The story includes many examples of figurative language so this week we will start looking at some examples from the story.

Math:

4th- multiplying 2 two-digit number, investigating fractions, and decimal place value

5th- reducing fractions, investigating probability, and simplifying improper fractions

History: This week we will study why pioneers wanted to move out west.

Nature Studies: This week we will be studying energy that comes from the sun.

Latin: In Latin we will learn ten new vocabulary words and learn the imperfect verb-tense.

Spelling Words Below

6-8 News

**Field Trips on Monday to MOR & Tuesday to MSU (pizza lunch provided)*

Language Arts:

- ❖ **Grammar:** homophones, additional clause starters, & coordinate clauses(addition, contrast, choice, & result)
- ❖ **Composition** - Summarizing Lasers Part I I (summarizing references)
- ❖ **Literature** -
 - Beatrix Potter - students will share some of her stories with the younger students Friday afternoon & work on their skill of storytelling
 - *Across Five Aprils* - chapter 6

History/Geography:

- ❖ War in the Southwest

Math: metric system cont.

Nature Studies: solar energy

Latin: review with Latin quiz Friday (Latin to English) & second declension nouns and dative case

4th Grade

5th Grade

(r-controlled vowels)

harbor
corner
barber
garlic
probably
parsley
tardy
tariff
barrel
patchwork
gingham
kindling
solar
insolation
thermostat

**(suffixes -ology and
-ion)**

archeology
geology
zoology
terminology
theology
chronology
subtraction
protection
dissection
election
inspection
patchwork
gingham
kindling
solar
insolation
thermostat
thermos
thermal
endothermic

