

MRS. DEE'S CLASS

WE'RE ALWAYS FIRST!

2.3.12

What a great Catholic Schools Week. Although it would have been fun to play with the class in the snow, honestly, I don't miss the snow that much. It sure is great to see the children so excited about all the events planned during Catholic Schools Week. They truly take pride in their school and their Catholicism. Also, all the school wide activities (spelling bee, Mass, assembly, question of the day, book fair) offered opportunities for our class to interact with other classes – and we really enjoy that!

Have a great weekend and enjoy your children. Play a game. Read a book. Tell a story. Cook a meal. Watch some football.



And on a personal note, although we vacation often in Massachusetts, "back home" prevails. **Go Giants!**

A review of this week...

- **Religion** – Service project each day to celebrate Catholic Schools Week Paper Hugs for Open House visitors
- **Reading** – "Ben Franklin"; we finished "The Million Dollar Shot"; leveled reading; sequence of stories
- **Social Studies** – Important national founders – Ben Franklin
- **Handwriting** – more practice
- **English/Phonics** – e ee ea sounds; proofreading and marking vowel sounds and consonant blends; past and present tense of see/say/saw/said
- **Math** – Math facts; fact families; adding three numbers; adding doubles
- **Science** – garbage and recycling

Reminders ...

- **Dress for the weather!!** We are outside if it's 20°F or above.
- Please save and send in the **tops of liquid laundry detergent bottles**. Any color and size are welcome. We need them by March 1.

A peek at next week, plus...

- **Wednesday, February 8** – Father Walkowiak teaches religion class to first grade
- **Friday, February 10** – 100th Day Celebration – come to school dressed down as an old person; we will celebrate all day long with this 100 day theme; thanks in advance to families who are donating food, favors and supplies
- **Tuesday, February 14** – St. Valentine's Day Party at 12:40; if you are planning Valentine Cards, please be sure you have one for each child and they are marked with each child's name. Your child will be a "mailman" and deliver the personalized cards to classmates on St. Valentine's Day
- **February 17 & 20** – No School, President's Day Observance
- **Tuesday, February 28** – IOWA Testing begins in first grade; it should last about 6 days. We test for about a total of 30-45 minute (in 2-3 intervals) each morning. Please try to avoid doctors appointments and late arrivals at this time
- **Wednesday, February 29** – Strive for 25 Project Due
- **March 2, 2012** – Official Start of the Iditarod Dog Sled Race in Alaska, and the start of our Iditarod/Idit-a-Read unit
- **March 19, 2012** – St. Joseph's Day Celebration of Fathers, 11:30-1:00
- **May 21** – Just confirmed – Hale Farm Field Trip