



The first graders have kept themselves quite busy lately in Mrs. Amiano's class this month. During the season of Lent they are trying to make better choices that would be pleasing to Jesus & have painted prayer rocks to remind them to pray at home. They are studying food chains in science class & geometry in math class. They are ALL happy to see the many signs of spring in God's wonderful world. Welcome Spring!

This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.  
~Psalms 118:24

# Knights Newsletter

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During the month of March, third graders gave oral reports on the ecosystems they had built for Mrs. Boyers. They were able to explain how all living things interact with each other in their chosen system. The students learned the rhythm of limericks and wrote their own. Students spent the month preparing for Lent.



Mrs. Tomana says that science students in grades 6, 7, & 8 had a wonderful showing at the Regional Science Fair! Students entered 28 projects in seven categories from Botany to Zoology. First place winners were Sofia Sansalone; Cassie Oltman & Emma Larry; Mikayla Moore & Ivey Nucilli; and Justin Anselene. Second place winners were Drew Stiglenbauer; Cara Laswell; Bryen Comener, John Larry, & Stanley Deavers; and Emily Harper & Jocelyn Brooks-Ezelle. Third place winners were Brandon Carroll; Sarah Lemley & Taylor Woodbury; and Claire Craig. In class, Grade 4 is studying space, Grades 5 & 8 are studying physics, Grade 7 is studying natural resources, and Grade 6 is getting ready to dissect frogs...yucky but fun!



Mr. Thompson says that 4th & 5th graders will be learning to speak in Spanish about jobs, places, & what actions. They will be learning more verbs & the command form in Spanish. We will also be learning more about the culture of Spanish-speaking countries. 6th, 7th & 8th graders will be learning the preterit & imperfect verb tenses along with direct object pronouns. They will also be learning how to discuss movies, museums and cultural events in Spanish.

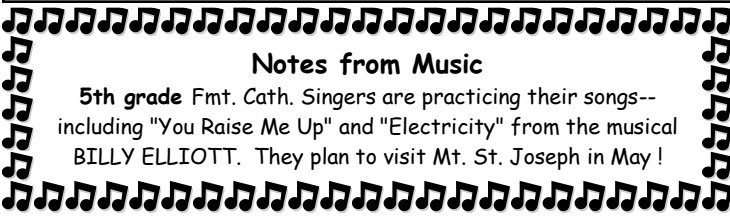


## Technology Notes from Mrs. Martin

- Students in grades 4-8 have been learning how to use Kerpoof.com, an entertaining yet mentally stimulating website for children that lets children create stories, cards, and movies and share with friends.
- Students in grades K-4 have been using Zoodles.com, a simple, safe, and free web browser for young children, created by a team of educational professionals with your child's Internet safety in mind. Zoodles can be downloaded & used at home too. Check it out if you're interested.
- Students in grades 2-8 are continuing to work on their typing skills using Type2Learn3 & Mavis Beacon.
- Parents of children in grades 4-8 are encouraged to check Edline often to keep up with their child's progress. Especially note the missing work section. If you haven't activated your account, contact Mrs. Martin for a code.

## Notes from Music

5th grade Fmt. Cath. Singers are practicing their songs-- including "You Raise Me Up" and "Electricity" from the musical BILLY ELLIOTT. They plan to visit Mt. St. Joseph in May!



Mr. Lake says the upper-grade social studies classes have been very busy lately. With our snow days and testing last week, we have been working at a mad pace! 4th Grade has just finished a unit on Native Americans & is beginning to learn about the American Revolution. The 5th Grade is knee-deep into WWII & 6th Grade is leaning about China's past & present. The 7th Grade is finishing a unit on the Middle East and the 8th grade is learning about both sides of the debate on Mountain Top Removal. After spring break all classes will begin a unit on the 2010 Census.

Second grade & Mrs. Baker have busy preparing for Easter. They have been learning all about Lent & readying their hearts for the joyous celebration of Easter. Everyone is had at work on learning to write in cursive. The handwriting is beautiful! They have created some fun projects to showcase their handwriting. The class continues to become better readers. They are improving their reading skills with good stories. They are using adverbs & adjectives as well as pronouns to improve their writing skills. In math the second grade has been working on geometry & will soon move on to multiplication! This is something they have been looking forward to all year long! The class has been learning about energy & different sources of energy.



Mrs. Feltz and the Fourth Grade have kept busy this month even with all of the snow days; now they are preparing for those April showers! Students made decorations of shiny shamrocks & leprechauns for the walls of the Soup Opera. In Math, they have been learning (& practicing) 2 & 3 digit by 1 digit division. They also made Stations of the Cross Booklets & wrote book recommendations for their classmates. After surviving a week of testing, they are ready for spring!

Mrs. Garcia's eighth graders are finishing up a busy nine weeks during which they wrote research papers and read *Huckleberry Finn*. During Lent, seventh graders read the novel *Bronze Bow*, about a Jewish boy living at the time of Jesus. Seventh and eighth graders have presented Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent. Sixth grade writers had some big triumphs: Leah Mason won the county-wide Young Writers competition and now advances to the state level competition. Cara Laswell won first place in the state in the Letters About Literature competition. Other school winners in that competition were Caleb Anselene, Sarah Morris, and Sabrina Dahlia. Maya Dalton of fourth grade and Sinead Tobin of fifth grade were also county Young Writers winners.



Mrs. Nucilli and Kindergarten have been QUITE busy. They have learned to measure length, height & weight is math & just started addition. We learned all about St. Patrick's Day & wore green while eating lime jello & lime cotton candy! Everyone was pretty worn out by our first experience with standardized testing!



Great job kindergarten!