

We had a very busy week in third grade! On Monday we had our school spelling bee! All the students did an excellent job and I am so proud that one of our third graders took third place!

Here are some of the other things we did in third grade this week:

In religion, we have been learning about the four marks of the Church – one, holy, catholic and apostolic. We learned that we are one because we believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ and we are a community. We are holy as we are good and achieve holiness through the gift of grace. We are catholic as our faith is universal which connects us to many people all over the world. Our faith is apostolic as it was built upon the faith of the Apostles.

In math, we continued our unit multiplication. We have been focusing on using the distributive property and making a diagram to help us solve larger multiplication problems. We also used based-ten blocks and a number line to help us multiply with multiples of 10.

Winter

Upcoming Events:

- Saturday, January 14 – Happy Birthday, Rachel!
- Monday, January 16 - No School
- Tuesday, January 17 – Happy Birthday, Krizelle!
- Saturday, January 21 - HSA Family Fun Night @ Lakeside Lanes from bpm-7:30pm
- Tuesday, January 24 - Peek at Pre-K
- Sunday, January 29 - Open House 9:30-12pm
- Tuesday, January 31 – Feed My Starving Children
- Wednesday, February 1 – Consortium Mass at Transfig
- Thursday, February 2 – No Mass and High-Tech High-Touch Science
- Friday, February 10 – No School
- Tuesday, February 14 – Valentine Party
- Friday, February 17 – No PM Fremont Bus
- Monday, February 20 – No School

In social studies we wrapped up our unit on civics and government. We had a great time learning about our local, state and national government as well as the branches of government. We learned about being a good citizen and what the difference is between rules and laws. Next week we will begin our new science unit on force and motion!

In language arts, we read *Cook-A-Doodle-Do!* By Janet Stevens and Susan Stevens Crummels, which is a humorous fictional story. The story was about a rooster whose great-grandma was an excellent baker. Rooster never baked a day in his life. His friends, dog, cat, and goose, were not interested in helping rooster make strawberry shortcake. Luckily, rooster had other friends, iguana, turtle, and a potbellied pig. Each of his friends helped in making the strawberry shortcake. Turtle read the recipe, iguana gathered the ingredients, and pig was the taste tester. Together they baked a magnificent strawberry shortcake that iguana dropped on the floor and pig devoured it up, after waiting patiently to be the taste tester. After some disappointment, they baked another strawberry shortcake and it was another masterpiece. This time they were all able to share in it's deliciousness. Students worked on the verbs: be, do, and have in the present and past tense. Our spelling pattern for the week was review words.

