



We had a busy four-day week learning in third grade. We took our second Aspire practice test this week. We will finish the last one on Monday. Our real Aspire testing will be in April.

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

In religion, we finished our chapter on the marks of the Church. We enjoyed learning about why our Church is one, holy, catholic and apostolic. We began learning that the Church is the body of Christ and the people of God. On Wednesday we had a nice visit with Fr. Jerry as he answered some of the questions we had - like where is Jesus' manger?

In math, we finished our final chapter on multiplication! We have had a great time learning the various properties of multiplication as well as the strategies! We will continue to practice our multiplication facts but we will begin our new chapter next week on representing and interrupting data.

In science, we began our new unit on force and motion! Our first activity was seeing how fast we moved - we each ran and walked 10 meters. We then took this information and created a graph of our group data. We are excited to learn that moving gets us place to place.

In language arts, we read *Seven Spools of Thread*, a Kwanzaa fable. Our story was about seven brothers who did not stop fighting. They fought from sun up to sun down. They fought about the weather and their father sharing their food equally. Their father passed away and his inheritance was to be shared equally among the seven sons, but they did not think it was fair. The village chief gave them a challenge to make gold out of spools of silk thread. They worked together and created beautiful fabric in which they sold to the King for a bag of gold. They then taught the poor people of the village to create this beautiful fabric so they too may be wealthy. From that day on, the brothers never fought. Students also worked on linking verbs. Our spelling pattern for the week was words with /ou/.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, January 21 - HSA Family Fun Night

@ Lakeside Lanes from 6pm-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

