

We had a very busy week in third grade! On Tuesday we celebrated Valentine's Day! We decorated cookies and brought them to PADS for their Wednesday night dessert. Our hearts feel happy to help those less fortunate.

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

In religion, we continued to learn about prayer. We learned there are five different types of prayer: thanksgiving, praise, intercession, blessing and petition. On Tuesday we went to Eucharistic Adoration and we left feeling closer to God by talking with him and having time to quietly pray and reflect. We also learned that the Church is always at prayer because it is always daytime somewhere in the world, so there is always someone praying. The greatest prayer of the Church that unites all Catholics is the Mass.

In math, we began our unit on fractions! We did a fun activity on Monday with Skittles and on Tuesday we used Conversation Hearts! We learned about equal parts of a whole, equal shares and unit fractions of a whole. We will continue learning about fractions until spring break.



In science we have been busy learning more about force. We learned that different types of force: contact forces and action-at-a-distance forces. Contact force happens when two objects touch each other (a foot and a soccer ball). Action-at-a-distance force happens when two objects do not touch each other, but are still able to exert a push or pull on each other (gravity).

In language arts, we read *Boom Town* by Sonia Levutin. This was a historical fiction story about a girl name Amanda. She and her family traveled twenty-one days on a stagecoach to get to California. Her father was gold miner and was gone all week working in the fields. Amanda and her siblings were bored and decided to find ways to entertain themselves. Amanda decided to make pies. On her first attempt, she failed. On her second attempt, the baby ate it, and on her third attempt it was just right. She had a thought to sell slices of pie to people in town and they loved her pies. She then began to give other people, who were just stopping in on their way through, the idea on how to make money. Soon their small town had a bank, trading post, laundry, a blacksmith, cooper, tanner, a miller, and a school. Amada's town started to boom! Students work on pronouns and sequencing. The spelling pattern for the week was compound words.

### Upcoming Events:

- Monday, February 20 - No School
- Friday, February 21 - Mission Party!
- Friday, February 21 - End of 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester
- Saturday, February 22 - Daddy/Daughter Dance at Transfiguration @ 7pm
- Wednesday, March 1 - Ash Wednesday Mass in the Big Church at 9:30
- Friday, March 3 - No Fremont Bus/Report cards go home
- Monday, March 6 - No Fremont Bus
- Tuesday, March 7 - 6:00-7:30pm - Feed My Starving Children
- Thursday, March 9 - Trimester awards after Mass
- Friday, March 10 - Ladies Bunco Night at SMA (a fun night-make sure to sign up!)
- Tuesday, March 14 - Happy Birthday, Kelly!
- Thursday, March 16 - Jimano's Pizza Night!