We had a very busy week in third grade. Thank you, and your children, for the sweet birthday cards - they were excited to finally celebrate on Friday when I came back from being sick! You and your kids know how to make a lady feel special!

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

In religion, we have been learning that our parish is our home. We learned about the many people who help make our parish successful and the different ways they help others. We have also been praying for our Lent Prayer Buddies, the REP students who use our classroom on Tuesday evenings. A nice way to connect our classes.

In math we completed our first chapter on fractions. The students did a fantastic job on understanding new ideas and concepts. Chapter 9 will focus on fractions - comparing fractions. We will

compare fractions with the same denominator, the same numerator, order fractions and make equivalent fractions. If all goes well, we should finish this chapter before spring break!

In science we began a new unit on landforms and geography. This encompasses both science and social studies. We matched the riddle to the correct landform and learned a fun song to recall some of the interesting landforms.

In language arts, we read *The Printing Press*. This was a realistic nonfiction story about a young boy's father, whom was deaf, and a fire that occurred at the printing press where he worked. We read how the father warned others in the factory, by using his hands, of the dangers and got everyone out safely. Students learned about making predictions and subject/pronoun agreement. Our spelling pattern for the week was two syllable words with the vc/vc pattern.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, March 16- Jimano's Pizza Night Monday, March 27 - Spring Break begins Monday, April 3 - School resumes Wednesday, April 5 - Reconciliation Friday, April 7 - Barnes and Noble Night Thursday, April 13 - Happy Birthday, Maddyl Friday, April 14 - No School (Good Friday) Monday, April 17 - No School (Easter Monday) Thursday, April 20 - Jimano's Night Friday, April 21 - Gala 5:30pm Monday, April 24-28 - Aspire Testing