

I am so excited to be back at school this month. Although, I am not so excited to leave Bailey all day, I will be glad to get back to my kids and our school routine. February was a great month, cut short by snow and vacation! As we enter March we are full STEAM ahead! I can't believe what a busy month this will be! We will begin the month by finishing our STEM project in preparation for the STE(A)M Fair on March 8th. There will be an early release on March 9th. We will also be working on the final touches of the Auction Bookcase. Please get in touch with me about your book donation ASAP! The Auction is March 24

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! We will be visiting the Church for Stations of the Cross each week as well as St. Patrick's Day Mass and the Para Liturgy for Holy Thursday. Wow! That's a lot going on; but let's not forget that through it all, we will be continuing our regular curriculum! Read below for more on all the academics going on in 4D this month.

-Mrs. Donohue

Math: We will be continuing the work Mrs. Barry started on Fractions. We will learn to add, subtract, and simplify fractions.

Grammar: In grammar, we will be starting a unit on Adjectives. After adjectives, we will move onto verbs.

Reading/Writing: During the month of March we will explore biographies. This will begin with the students choosing a biography book to read for their biography book project. This will be the book report for the month but will be worked on in school as well as at home. We will read some biographies in class, both from our reading series and others that I have collected. Students will also be writing a biography about someone special in their lives. Students will be dressing up as the person they are reading about and will present this person to the class in an oral presentation on April 13th.

Spelling: We continue to work through our Spelling Units. We return from vacation to work on a

review unit. Students continue to do very well on the unit activities and tests. It continues to be a struggle to apply these concepts in their daily work. Please remind your child that spelling words should be spelled properly when used outside of unit assignments. Also, if a word is on a paper, it should be spelled properly when it is used!

Religion: As we continue the holy season of Lent, we will be learning what happens during this special time in our church. We will also continue to learn the Stations of the Cross. Throughout Lent students will be coloring a Stations of the Cross packet and should use this to study for their test on March 29th. Students will be given a picture of each station and asked to put the stations in order. We will also continue our study of the Ten Commandments.

Social Studies: We will wrap up the Midwest Region this month. Students should continue to study the vocabulary for the chapter. The next unit will be the Southwest. This is a small region with only 4 states. Students will have a test on the states and capitals of this region as usual. This might be a good time to review the states and capitals of the regions we have already studied. At the end of the Regions unit, students will work to become members of the 50/50 club by being able to name all 50 capitals and being able to label the 50 states on a map! After this, we have only one Region left, the West! Once we have completed the 5 regions, we will finish out the school year with an exploration of New Hampshire!