

All the News from the Second Grade Shining Stars
January 2021



Dear Families:

Happy New Year! Happy Epiphany! Best wishes to all of you for a peaceful and joyful beginning of 2021. I hope you had an enjoyable break, however it always passes quickly. It is good to be back with the children and into a routine.

We will begin studying and training for Reconciliation in the next weeks. We will celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation on Sunday, March 21, 2021 at 2:00 PM in church. Please mark this date on your calendar.

In language arts, we will resume our My View reading work. We are beginning unit 3. We will do more with language arts and spelling skills. We will learn how to apply them in our daily writing. The children are growing well in these areas. Please guide your child as he or she practices for spelling tests. The many language art skills we do each day help your child to be a more successful reader.

We will focus on physical science. The students will learn about matter: how physical properties can change, but all materials do not respond in the same way to what is done to them.

In Unit 6 children collect data and will learn about graphing. We will revisit diagrams used in Unit 5 to solve one and two step number stories. This unit will be a good challenge! ***Please encourage your child to practice his/her subtraction and addition flash cards for homework. Thank you.***

Our religion lessons revolved around the celebration of Epiphany. We learned about the three wise men who traveled far following the star to Jesus. We will begin a missions unit later this month. We will learn who missionaries are and how they share their stewardship to care for others. Lastly, we will focus on the virtue of ***FIDELITY: being faithful to promises and commitments.***

We will become familiar with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his mission this month. We will learn about his dream of a better world for all, and the children will share

their dreams for a better world. The children will be writing and drawing pictures of something they dream of in their life. We will talk about equality and acceptance of others as caring individuals, and then share what we can do to celebrate our differences. This national holiday is on Monday, January 18.

During the next months, we will be focusing more heavily on academic and personal goals. We reviewed our class rules and goals this week. The students will be challenging themselves toward quality work and self-discipline skills to help meet the goals we set earlier in the school year.

Best wishes for a peaceful and healthy new year!
Mrs. Fischer

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Conversation Starters for the Month:

- 1) What is your dream for a better world?
- 2) What are some things you can do to plan for a healthier lifestyle?
- 3) What are the gifts that the Three Kings brought to Baby Jesus? (gold, frankincense, and myrrh)
- 4) What are the names of the Three Kings? (Melchior, Balthazar, Caspar)

