

All the News from Second Grade Shining Stars
March 2021



Dear Families,

March began lamb-like, with sunny and a little bit warmer weather. We are being optimistic that spring will come forth one of these days. The children are moving forward with a "lion's roar" because we have ambitious goals for our academics and life skills to work on each day. We will work on our Lenten promises to excite us for spring and Easter.

In Language Arts, we will continue to learn and work more with My View and spelling skills. It is also very important that the children apply spelling in their daily writing. Everyday use and reading for enjoyment are also good ways to work on these skills outside of classroom time. A great goal for your child is to read for at least 30 minutes each night. We call this "building stamina." The more your child reads, the better the speller and writer he or she will become.

We are moving along in earth science by learning about rocks, soils, and weather. We are also learning about the solar system.

In Social Studies we are studying a unit designed to help children better understand the economic world we live in. We have been practicing new vocabulary words by making flash cards that can be used later in a unit review. We will learn about the basic choices people make concerning earning, spending, and saving money. Students will be introduced to national and international trade while continuing to learn map and globe skills.

We will be working heavily on the seventh and eighth math units in our second book. Continue practicing those math facts! Quick recall is important for continued success. One very helpful web site for math activities is www.ixl.com/math and [Happy Numbers.com](http://HappyNumbers.com). Try them on one of your child's lighter homework nights or when the weather isn't pleasant for outside play.

Our Religion lessons will revolve around Lent and Reconciliation. During Lent, we will focus on the promises we will try to keep whether it is something we "give up" (sacrifice), or something we choose to do to help ourselves and others grow in our Christianity. Lent is also a good time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Check your parish bulletin or church calendar for an upcoming communal penance service. Also, we will begin working on preparation for First Eucharist. We will be very busy the next several weeks to be ready to receive this very special Sacrament.

Remember the dates:

****FIRST RECONCILIATION IS ON SUNDAY, MARCH 21 @ 2:00 P.M.**

****FIRST COMMUNION IS ON SUNDAY, APRIL 18 AT 10:00 A.M.**

Truly,
Mrs. Marijo Fischer

Conversation Starters for March:

1. Tell your family about your Lenten Promises. How can you help each other on your journey?
2. Can you do your addition and subtraction math facts quickly and correctly? Practice them.
3. We have noticed many spring signs already. What have you noticed?
4. What are some ways you can earn money that you can either save or spend? Are you using part of what you earn as your almsgiving during Lent?
5. How can you SEE through sand? You will learn the answer as we go through our science lessons.

