

February 28, 2017

Der Fifth Grade Families,

March and the season of Lent begins tomorrow with Ash Wednesday. As you've heard, we have been working on a project for weeks and stain glass Lenten symbols are spread around the building. I'll post a picture on the website but if you are in the building, stop by the glass block windows by the first grade classroom to see it in person. Also in Religion class, we've been learning about Jesus' ministry. Our memory work has coincided nicely with these lessons and we had a meaningful discussion about compassion last week. Ask your student about his or her "equation" for compassion. This week our focus turns to humility (I Peter 5:5b-7) which is a good word for the season of Lent and in general our interactions with one another.

We began a novel study last week with the book *Tuck Everlasting*. It gives us a break from the routine of the Reading textbook and allows us to practice locating and using figurative language. Students have a folder with daily work and vocabulary terms. One specific goal for this Unit is writing analogies with vocabulary terms. It can be tricky at first but is important preparation for the Vocabulary series in sixth grade.

Last Friday was the last day of the term for this second trimester. Students will carry home envelopes with report cards and MAP scores this Friday, March 3. As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns. Finally, a few dates to keep in mind:

March 13-17 Lutheran Schools Week (details to follow)

March 18 A Graceful Evening Fundraiser

April 20 Science Fair

April 21 Grandparents Day

Thanks for your continued support at home.

Together in Christ,

Mrs. Massmann

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