



Newsletter April 14-April 17

Living Lent has been a beautiful experience for PCRS. Students are focusing on praying more, sacrificing more and giving more. Please remember to help our friends at Habitat for Humanity who are in need of safe, affordable, healthy homes. Please make a donation, stop by and sign the boards located in the Media Center. You will become a lasting piece, part and heart of the next home built in our area. Boards have been blessed and signed by Fr. Rossi and Fr. Brian. Please add your prayers and good wishes before Holy Thursday. Also, mark your calendars. Don't forget to spring clean and donate your recyclables of clothes, toys, books, housewares, etc. to Habitat. Their donations truck will be in our parking lot on April 30 between 7:30-8:15 a.m. If you can not meet the truck during this time, please leave your items in a bag marked Habitat along the wall of the school near the Media Center. All donations will be happily and gratefully accepted. Thank you. God bless you!

First Grade will be working on poetry. April is poetry month. They will be reading and recording poems about the Earth, gardens, Spring, flowers, fruits and vegetables. They are learning about visualization in Reading as a strategy for understanding what they read more clearly and deeply. Picture that! Students are exploring character traits in terms of themselves as well as those of characters that they meet in literature. Read! Read! Read! The more you read, the smarter you get. Read to succeed!

In the 6+1 Traits of Writing, students continue to work on conventions, topic/ideas, and word choice (synonyms, antonyms, adjectives, etc.). They are beginning to work on sentence fluency to be sure they are getting their message across clearly and in an interesting way. As always, learning is awesome with our Resource teachers. In PE students will participate and explore "lifetime" sports activities. Also, Spring and Summer safety will be investigated. In Music, students will integrate songs they have learned into the Holy Thursday Retreat. In Spanish, students will complete an art project which includes an angel and writing "Jesus vive!" Jesus lives! In Tech, students will utilize the digital blue microscopes to explore the playground plant and animal life and look for signs of new life. First Graders are nature detectives extraordinaire.

In Religion, students are focusing on Holy Week. They are learning what the meaning of canonization means and being prepared for April 27, when two popes, Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II will be declared Saints by the Catholic Church. Be watchful of opportunities to view celebrations of this wonderful event on television. Students will continue to learn about the parts of the Mass. Fr. Brian will be teaching the Mass during his remaining visits for the year. It's great for the children and adults to have the lesson related to what they do and why they do it at Church as they are engaged in the Liturgy. Students learned about the vestments on last Thursday's Mass. Please mark your calendars for May 7. We will be having Donuts for Dads and Muffins For Moms at 8:00 a.m. Come in. Eat a treat. Visit your child's classroom to see what's happening now and then move to the grade above to peek into what's in store at the next level. Stay for Mass and enjoy celebrating with your child. Mass will be at 9:00 a.m.

