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February may be a short month but it is extra long on learning with Groundhog Day, the Olympics, Presidents Day, Black History and of course, Valentine's Day. Please follow School Speak and Weekly Press announcements very closely so you do not miss any important news. Students will be learning a lot about famous Black Americans this month. So far, they have looked at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rosa Parks. George Washington Carver will be our next example of leadership and the courage to take changes, experiment and invent. In PE, students will continue working on jump rope skills. If you have any jump ropes at home, challenge your child. How many jumps can you do in 1 minute. It's good for the heart. Also, our heart and prayers will be with the USA as they take on their events at the Olympics in Sochi. We will hold a mock winter Olympics such events as the Cotton Ball Shot Put, Paper Plate Discus Throw, Straw Javelin and High Jump. Perhaps, I can talk Ms. Patty into a Curling Event in the gym. Wow. That's a lot of sweeping action. In Spanish, students will continue with the familia adding words such as abuelo and abuela to their vocabulary books. In Music, students are working on syllables as they continue to clap out beats. Congratulations to Max who has the most syllables in a name...Massimiliano! Of course this week is full of lots of extra special activities. First Graders will read and write and enjoy many activities across the curriculum as they investigate the Olympics, Valentine's Day and prepare for Grandparents Day to be celebrated on Friday. In Writing with the 6 Traits, we continue to expand our skills in the use of conventions and ideas. We stick to the topic. Now we search for juicy words -nouns, verbs, adjectives, synonyms and antonyms. Congratulations to Ginny, who suggested we use the word unfair for repeated usage of not fair, not right, mean, etc. Keep those vocabularies growing. In the coming week, we will each adopt a Catholic School from across America. We will try to initiate a snail mail pen pal relationship. If you know anyone attending a Catholic school elsewhere in the states, please send in the address and we will initiate the contact. It is

always exciting to get mail! What better way to practice writing friendly letters. In Religion, we look to our God of Love. We focus on the Law of Love as we explore the 10 Commandments - which would never be broken anyway if we just loved one another. Valentines will be made for the Daughters of Charity and sent to our first principal at PCRS, Sr. Mary Ann Bozel. Please keep her and all of the Sisters in your prayers. Last Friday, Sr. Denise LaRock visited sharing her story, love for God and the Saints, devotion to the poor. She gave the children prayer cards of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and Daughter of Charity tattoos.

In Math, the students are continuing to explore place value in two-digit numbers. They will be putting numbers up to 100 in numerical order, comparing two-digit numbers, and identifying numbers that are ten more or ten less than other numbers. Also, we will be taking a break from Rocket Math, and beginning a program called "Word Problems Made Easy." With this program, students will learn to identify types of problems based on common traits.

In Science, the students will be exploring soil. Also, we will be brainstorming ways to conserve natural resources, such as water.

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY TO ALL.

Love and prayers,

Ms. Henry and Mrs. Taylor