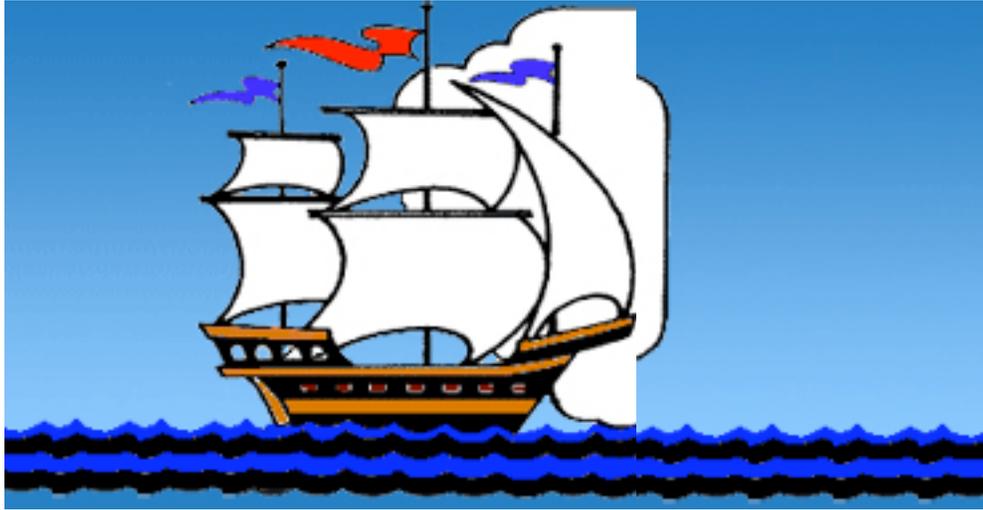


Newsletter November 18-22, 2013



Happy Thanksgiving Sailing Towards The Powwow Celebration

Please mark your calendars for the 15th Annual Powwow on Wednesday, November 27, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the gym. Students PK3-Grade 5 will entertain and honor special guests with dance, song, poem and drum. Please join us. Dismissal is at 12 Noon on this day. Students should wear their regular uniforms. No P.E. uniform please. First Grade will be going on a field trip on Thursday, December 12 from 9:15-2:00 p.m. to Province Place for a Christmas performance and the Sports Hall of Fame for a lesson on Character Development. It takes more than just athletic skill to be a Hall of Famer. Wonder what's important? Students will learn about being part of a community, working together and serving others on this day. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN DRIVING OR CHAPERONING ON THIS TRIP, PLEASE CHECK WITH MRS. BROWN **NOW** TO BE SURE YOU HAVE MET ALL

OF THE VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS. WE DO NOT WANT TO TURN ANYONE AWAY THE DAY OF THE TRIP. ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH DIOCESAN GUIDELINES. NO VOLUNTEER DRIVER/CHAPERONE PAPERWORK WILL BE COMPLETED THE WEEK OF THE TRIP. In order to be prepared for our big day, we will need to have all money, permission slips, and volunteer information in hand and processed by December 4, 2013. You will receive this paperwork in the Thursday communication envelope this week. Please let me know if it is missing.

Students will be engaged in seasonal literature activities. The new 6 +1 Trait of Writing to be introduced will be "Word Choice." We will make our writing super juicy as we learn more about compound words, opposites and synonyms as we expand our vocabulary and knowledge of words. Continue to learn and apply knowledge of conventions and ideas. In Spanish, the students will recite numbers 1 – 30; recognize some parts of the body and follow the song "Cabeza, hombros, rodillas y pies". In PE, Grade 1 will participate in conditioning activities, relays and the President's Physical Fitness Testing. In Religion and Social Studies, we will learn about Thanksgiving history and count our blessings every day. We thank God for you and all you are to and do for PCRS! Learning will be integrated across the curriculum every day.

In Math, the students will be exploring the connection between addition and subtraction. We will be especially focusing on numbers being part of a fact family (like $2+3=5$; $3+2=5$; $5-2=3$; $5-3=2$). The students have been working hard in learning centers in the afternoon in order to cover skills in a more hands-on and meaningful way. In Science, First Grade will be discovering the reason plants have fruit and what those fruit do during the different seasons.

Thank you all for the numerous donations for the classroom and community. You make the world a better place. Thank you!