



January 13, 2020

Dear Parents,

Following is a glimpse of the week's activities:

- MAPS testing begins this week - Wednesday (reading) at 10:00.
- Math Fact Fluency Update - I am pleased to see that ALL students have been diligently logging on to their Xtra math accounts - either at home or at school. The progress they are making towards automaticity is impressive; some are even ready to be switched to multiplication/ division. I know it can be tedious, but it has purpose. So, I did a little reading and came across this excerpt in an article that I really liked and thought I would share: Games are to math what books are to language according to Charlotte Mason philosophies. Games provide real, relevant, connected and fun ways to use math facts repeatedly. When we play a version of War where we add two cards and the winner has the higher sum, you can bet that adding those numbers has relevance :-). Classic games like Monopoly have provided many more hours of addition math fact practice.
This is especially true for elementary students. For the next several weeks, we will be playing multiplication/division games from Math Wire - I love this site.
<http://mathwire.com/games/multdivgames.html>.
- Science - States of Matter (liquids) - We also have a STEM challenge on Thursday at 2:00 with Mrs. Warren.
- Literature focus is biographies - As a class, we will be reading Ben Franklin's Biography in literature circles. We will also be connecting our science to Wilson Bentley who was the first known photographer of snowflakes. He perfected a process of catching flakes on black velvet in such a way that their images could be captured before they either melted or sublimated.
- Town Meeting is Friday the 31st.
- Guest Readers are - Beth Rusch on Tuesday, Jack's birthday share is Wednesday at 12:35.
- Biography submission form is due on Thursday.
- Scroll down to see the biography presentation schedule that includes the student names who have turned in their forms. I will continue to schedule dates/times as I receive the forms. Let me know if there's a problem.
- Finally, I want to let everyone know that 'our very own' Sebe and Sam have a part in Mercy Academy's Production of *Peter Pan*. For more information, you can contact Missy or Nicole - WE are so proud of them!!

Have a wonderful week!

Respectfully,
Mrs. Hall

Biography Presentation Schedule:

February 3rd (Monday)

(Orville Wright) Alec Cadden (10:00)

(Harriet Tubman) Charlotte Greene (10:15)(Helen Keller) Ivy Blue (10:15)

February 4th (Tuesday)

(Theodore Roosevelt) Dakota LeBoeuf (10:00)

February 5th (Wednesday)

(Abraham Lincoln) Jack Matter (10:00)

(Eleanor Roosevelt) Lainey Bironas (10:00)

February 6th (Thursday)

(Albert Einstein) Sam DeSmet (10:00)

(Tuskegee Airmen) Thatcher Cook (10:15)