

November 2016

St. Francis Xavier School

Religion

In November, both classes will continue to study the lives of saints. We will study how the saints lived their Baptismal call as Beatitude people. Students will study the role of compassion and forgiveness in daily living as exemplified by the Beatitudes.

Language Arts & Social Studies

The class participated in their first mock trial. The students did a great job working in groups to develop and present their arguments. The students were divided into two teams. Each group provided reasons and identified supporting evidence for the guilt or innocence of a fairy tale character. We worked on our opening statements, opinions to support our opening statement, rebuttal arguments and a closing statement. Mock trials are a great tool for engaging students and helping them grasp essential critical thinking skills as well as presentation skills. Mock trials can also foster: public speaking, teamwork, cooperation and research skills. In November, we will prepare to participate in a class debate that will focus on an issue that modern day society is facing. We will also begin our unit on Mesopotamia.

Math

As October came to an end, the Grade 7 students completed a chapter on Operations on Decimal numbers. They are now proficient at adding, subtracting, dividing, and multiplying decimal numbers while following the Order of Operations. As we begin November, students will complete a chapter on Probability. Both classes will learn about the differences between theoretical and experimental probability and how to compare them. We will be completing a project that compares Experimental and Theoretical probabilities. Once this chapter is complete, the Grade 7s will begin learning about Integers.

November at a Glance:

Nov. 2nd – Nurse Visit - Part I

Nov. 10th – Remembrance Day Assembly

Nov. 11- No School – Remembrance Day

Nov. 16th – Nurse Visit – Part II

Nov. 21st – Class 7M – Iconography Workshop at SFX

Nov. 21st – Class 7K – Iconography Workshop at SFX

Happy Birthday!

Byron 7K – Nov. 12th

Aaron 7K – Nov. 14th

Kyle 7M - Nov. 24th

Science

At the end of October, the Grade 7s continued to work on Chapter 2 of their Ecosystem unit. Students learned about how energy flows and matter cycles in different Ecosystems. As we begin the month of November, both classes will continue working on this chapter and completing their Food Web in-class group projects before moving onto the next chapter, mid-month. Students will be completing two investigations (mini-labs) both of which will be in-class group projects. One is a Food Web previously mentioned and the other is a look into composting. These two investigations are meant to allow students to critically evaluate aspects of our society....and have fun!

A Friendly reminder:

Please complete and submit the Confirmation forms along with a photocopy of your child's baptismal certificate to the Grade 7 teachers by January 15, 2017.

