**Third Grade Newsletter**

**Mrs. Brenda Martin**

**January 16-February 1, 2018**

**\*Our next field trip is on Thursday, April 26 to OMSI. Stay tuned for more details.**

**\*Saints Alive: St. Paul**

**\*Religion: The Paschal Mystery is the suffering, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ. Through Jesus’ Death and Resurrection, all people can have eternal life.**

**\*Bible stories: Peter’s Draft of Fishes; The Stilling of the Storm; Jesus Walks on Water; The Good Samaritan**

**\*Writing: Students wrote thank you notes to donors and supporters of Holy Cross Catholic School.**

**\*Journal: If I could plan my next birthday party, I would\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**\*Math: solve word problems involving area; find areas by decomposing rectangles or completing composite figures to form rectangles; apply knowledge of area to determine areas of rooms in a given floor plan**

**\*Second Step: Ways to stay safe: Recognize, Refuse, Report; gun safety; The Always Ask First Rule**

**\*Handwriting: J, Q, T, F**

**\*Scholastic News: Robots to the Rescue**

**\*Literature: Yonder Mountain: A Cherokee Legend by Robert H. Bushyhead skills: compare/contrast characters; vocabulary**

**\*Science: We began learning about the metric system. Students measured the mass of various objects using grams. We will repeat the same activity next week with our goal being better accuracy. ☺**

**\*IXL Math and IXL Language Arts: fractions**

**\*Read aloud: Farmer Boy by Laura Ingalls Wilder**

**\*Chrome Books: Keyboarding Without Tears; IXL Math; IXL Language Arts**

**\*Social Studies: The students are learning about physical and human characteristics of tribal regions in North America. The regions are the Arctic, Plains, Desert Southwest, Northeastern Woodlands, Southeastern Woodlands, and Pacific Northwest.**

**\*Spelling: antonyms; contractions; ou or ow words**

**\*Science Centers: Camouflage; Energy; More Work? Less Work?; Spiders & Insects; Sun, Moon, & Stars; We Eat Plants; Fur, Feathers, & Scales; What Goes Together?**

**\*New Literacy Centers: Antonyms; More Than One; They Sound the Same; Multiple-Meaning Words; Super Sentence Sort; How is it Spelled?; Synonyms; More Than One Meaning**