

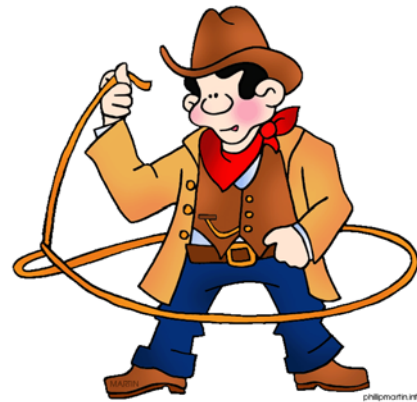


## Primary Department Newsletter

### Upcoming Dates and Events

February 17th: Character Day  
February 22nd: Half Day with NO AFTER SCHOOL  
(12:15 p.m. dismissal)  
February 23rd-24th: No School: Rodeo Break  
February 28th: JH Show at 6:30 p.m. (buy your tickets  
now!)  
March 1st: Ash Wednesday  
March 2nd: JH Show at 6:30 p.m. (buy your tickets  
now!)  
March 10th: No School: Diocesan In-service  
March 13th – March 17th: No School (Spring Break)  
March 25th: Auction at 5:00 p.m.

Don't forget your  
**Rodeo wear** next  
Wednesday.



### Spring Cleaning



Are you beginning your spring cleaning? If you have any items or toys that you do not want anymore, consider giving them to your homeroom teacher to auction off at one of our Classroom Economy Auctions on Friday.

### Religion



We worked on showing kindness to others in actions and words. We performed over 100 acts of kindness in one week.

Coming Soon: We will complete another Wee Work's Lesson. We will also prepare for Lent and Easter.

### Dress Up as Your Favorite Character on Friday, December

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Remember that students need to dress up as a book character this Friday. Please have them bring in the book that shows the character as well.

Students will share their books and their costumes in reading class. We cannot wait to see all of the book characters on Friday.

# Classroom Happenings

## Reading:

1st Grade: We worked on making connections to the book and we will continue to do so throughout March. We are focusing on the following questions:

- What did this story make you think of?
- What connections did you make while reading this story?
- What lesson did you learn by reading this story?

**Coming Soon:** We will be focusing on reading fluently with expression for the higher leveled texts.

2nd Grade: We continued to use the summary organizer (the sheet with in the beginning, next, then, in the end) to write summaries. Many students have passed or are close to passing the DRA 28 (the one that students are required to write their summary out).

**Coming Soon:** We will revisit how to use Cornell Notes to determine the topic, main ideas, and supporting details of informational texts. We will also work on using the expository text features (table of contents, headings, glossaries, and diagrams) effectively. We will also be supporting our ideas with evidence from the text.

## Language Arts:

1st & 2nd Grade: The students have been learning how to write opinion pieces. In preparation for Catholic Schools' Week, the students published writings which focused on what they believe is the best part of St. Cyril School. We found that there are many things that make St. Cyril a special place in the eyes of our young learners. Our students also enjoyed recording memories from both Parent's Day and Grandparent's Day. Thank you for making our month so memorable! Additionally, students have been working on their complete "hamburger style" paragraphs and including descriptive details in their writing.

In grammar, students finished a unit on contractions. We've been busy!

**Coming Soon:** Students will be writing opinion and informative pieces. The next grammar unit will cover synonyms, antonyms, and homophones.

## Math:

1st Grade: Students completed a unit just before the end of Trimester 2 which involved solving 1 and 2-digit addition and subtraction story problems, and they are now practicing telling time to the hour and half-hour and extending color and number patterns.

2nd Grade: Students are finishing up a math unit involving fractions, 2 and 3-digit addition and subtraction story problems, problems involving adding and subtracting money, and recognizing patterns within the hundred chart. Students will begin looking at even and odd numbers again this week and continue solving problems involving money.

**Coming Soon:** 1st graders will be working with constant ratios and skip-counting by adding a certain number of pennies to a jar and making repeated steps up when building staircases.

2nd graders will continue working with differences around the number 100.

## Science:

Science: We just harvested radishes from our community garden last week and tasted them (with ranch!). We have planted brassica seeds in small cups in the classroom and will be looking at how grass grows soon.