



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

April is here, and our Grade 6 class is settling back into learning after Spring Break. Students have returned ready to work, and it has been great to see them refocus and continue building their skills across all subject areas.

As we head into this busy spring season, we will keep working on reading, writing, and math while also preparing for the final months of the school year. Thank you for your continued support at home.

#### REMINDERS

- Planners: Please sign planners daily. I want the students to get in the habit of writing two entries each day.
- Reading: Students should read 20–30 minutes each evening.
- Please sign and return all permission forms as soon as possible.

#### WHAT WE'RE LEARNING THIS MONTH

MATH: We are beginning our new unit on Ratios and Rates. Students will learn how to compare quantities, describe relationships between numbers, and apply rate reasoning to real-world situations. A strong understanding of multiplication facts will be very helpful as we work through this unit, so continued practice at home is encouraged. We are looking forward to building confidence with these new concepts over the coming weeks.

LANGUAGE ARTS: We are continuing our novel study of *Touching Spirit Bear*, with a focus on comprehension strategies, class discussions, and thoughtful responses to the text. Students are continuing to build their vocabulary and strengthen their ability to reflect on character, theme, and important events in the novel. We are also continuing with spelling practice and will be beginning our Media Literacy unit, where students will learn to think critically about the purpose and message of different forms of media.

SCIENCE: We are beginning our unit on the solar system. Students will explore the planets, moons, stars, and other objects in space while learning about the patterns and relationships within our solar system. We are looking forward to engaging in discussions and activities that help build curiosity and understanding about the world beyond Earth.

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SOCIAL STUDIES: We are beginning our unit on Going Global, where students will explore the question of whether globalization is a positive or negative force. Through discussions and activities, they will examine how countries, cultures, and economies are connected, as well as the impacts of globalization on people and communities around the world. This unit will encourage students to think critically about global issues and consider different perspectives on an increasingly connected world.

RELIGION: We will continue attending Mass each week and beginning and ending each day with prayer as we grow together in faith as a class community. This month, students will begin learning about the Ten Commandments and how they can be applied to daily life through our choices, actions, and relationships with others.

Career: We are beginning to explore the concept of growth mindset. Students will learn how effort, perseverance, and a positive attitude can help them grow through challenges and develop new skills. Through discussion and reflection, they will begin to understand how mistakes can be part of learning and how mindset can influence success in school and everyday life.

Health/Science: As part of the Grade 6 science curriculum, students will soon begin a required unit on puberty, the reproductive system, and personal hygiene. Throughout this unit, students will learn about the physical and emotional changes that occur during puberty, as well as the importance of healthy habits and self-care. Through age-appropriate discussions and learning activities, students will build understanding and confidence as they explore these important and sensitive topics.

### IMPORTANT DATES

April 1 – Lenten retreat day  
April 2 – Autism Awareness Day (wear blue)  
April 3 – Good Friday (no school)  
April 6 – Easter Monday (no school)  
April 7 – Resurrection Assembly  
April 8 – Virtue Assembly  
April 10 – Down Syndrome Awareness Day  
April 23 – Showcase of Learning  
April 24 – School mass at 9:00am

Warmly,

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