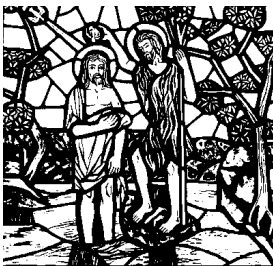


# Ms. Schwietz's Classroom Newsletter

## Class Business

We are already two weeks into January. Can you believe it? It is now the second half of the year. That means our students are working hard on new things and writing *only* in cursive. They are doing a wonderful job and improving each day.

In math it's all multiplication, multiplication, multiplication! So far we have worked on multiplying products of 0, 1, 2, 4, 5, and 10. The students are working on getting their math facts down. I have asked them to practice each night.



"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals." Luke 3: 15-16

In reading, our grammar work has been on past, present, and future tense verbs. We have also practiced with quotation marks in dialogue and commas in a series of words. Though we practice this each day, I ask that at least once a week, they practice these at home with you.

A suggestion is to write out sentences with the incorrect use of a verb, and they must correct it. Example: Last year we *paint* a plate for her.

Finally, each Friday we have a Spelling Test after adoration and a Reading Test after lunch. If possible, please schedule any appointments around those two times.

## Projects

In science we are studying animal life and ecosystems. As a result of that, the students have had two projects assigned to them. First, they were to make a PowerPoint in Computer Lab about their group's ecosystem. Most have finished and they look wonderful!

Secondly, each student has chosen an animal for their research project. They are to do research both at school and at home. A set of questions will post on the school website, as will the project guidelines. The class will be writing their paper *at school*, but they are to work on their project *at home*. All projects are due on **March 2, 2010**. If you have any questions, please contact me.

## Last Minute Reminders!

~A book order just went out. Please check out the great reading options!

~Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. There will be **no school**.

~Next Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be our ministers.

~If your child has ordered Hot Lunch, *please* remember to pack a small, healthy snack for them to have before recess.

~In your student's agenda each week are our spelling words. I encourage you to work with or quiz them on their words. We practice the words in class, but extra help at home always helps!

~January 31 kicks off Catholic Schools Week. Please be at 10:30 mass that day to support our school!

~**The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade site is up! Please go to [www.sttimothymesa.org/third](http://www.sttimothymesa.org/third) and check it out! On there you will find any classroom/homework policies, updated newsletters, and more!**