



# Wildcat Weekly

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Wow, this has been a busy week. We hope you all enjoyed the long weekend, and took some time to reflect on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as we celebrated his birthday on Monday. Preparations for Catholic Schools week were in full swing this week and your children have been busy learning about different parts of the world, building science and STEM projects and learning about important life lessons through our favorite Disney films. We have gotten a great response for career day from families and alumni who are excited to share a little about what they do with our students. We are looking forward to a great Catholic School's Week!

Mrs. Barron & Mrs. Volpe

## Happy New Year!

Saturday marks the Chinese New Year. This year is the year of the rat which means good fortune. We could all use a little good fortune! In honor of the Chinese New Year, our students were asked to wear red or gold today. Also, our nursery class had a New Year's celebration and our kindergarten class made Chinese lanterns. Our third grade has been studying Asian countries for their culture fair project so come visit us and learn more about the Chinese New Year and Chinese culture from our 3rd graders on Tuesday!



## Spotlight on 4th Grade

**ELA**—Students have been working on interpreting timelines as part of an informational text and citing evidence from a text. They are also building their grammar skills by using homophones and contractions

**Math**—Students have been practicing their division skills. They are also organizing and data into a graph. The 4th graders each created their own survey and collected data from other classes.

**Science**—Students have been investigating the flow of electric charges in a circuit. In the STEM lab, they are also working on their own small group projects. Some are building robots, canons, etc.

**Social Studies**—Students are exploring the countries of Europe for our culture fair. In addition, they are studying life in colonial New York and comparing the different cultures that made up the colony of New York..

**Religion**—Students have been comparing the four gospels and looking at ways they can be evangelists like the gospel writers. They are also studying the liturgical year with a focus on ordinary time.

### Looking Ahead

- Sunday 1/26—Catholic School Week Kickoff
  - 5th Grade Family Mass @ 10:30
  - Open House—Invite your neighbors, friends, etc. to tour St. Mel's Catholic Academy!
- Monday 1/27—Open house/crazy hair and hat day (regular uniform) and Family Game Afternoon. Bring in your favorite board game!
- Tuesday 1/28—Culture Day - Dress according to the culture you are studying
- Wednesday 1/29—Pajama Day (pancake breakfast in AM & student assembly in PM)
- Thursday 1/30—Career Day
- Friday 1/31—Teacher Appreciation day (1/2 day for students)

