



Monthly Classroom Highlights

St. Joseph School

School Year 2007—2008

Featured Grades of the Month: Third & Fourth Grade



Third Grade

Upcoming Academic Highlights:

*In **Social Studies**, the students are learning about the customs and traditions of the five Native American tribes. The class will then visit the Indian Rock Preserve in Bristol for a hands-on experience of the life and times of the Connecticut tribes native to this area.

*The Third-grade **Scientists** learn their lesson thru observation and experimentation on a weekly basis in the Science Lab.

***Cursive writing** is introduced in Third Grade.

*In **Math**, students begin to learn their multiplication facts.

*In **Religion**, students have learned how to pray the rosary together with their Seventh Grade Guardian Angels and the St. Joseph School community monthly. In November, for All Saints Day, the third grade processed into Church portraying a Saint. This was an exciting finale of a month-long research project undertaken by the students and their parents at home.

Field Trips Scheduled:

Indian Rock Preserve in Bristol to learn about Connecticut tribes



Fourth Grade

Upcoming Academic Highlights:

*In **Literature**, the Fourth Grade is currently reading the book "*Shiloh*", and will begin "*The Tale of Despereaux*" next. Students read a new book each month.

*In **Science** class, the students have studied the systems of the human body and will begin to learn about earthquakes and volcanoes.

*The Fourth Grade **English** class is writing Haiku poems for each season of the year. Students will write a report on a President in February, in honor of Presidents Day.

*The Fourth grade **Religion** class is currently studying the Ten Commandments.

*In **Social Studies**, the students study the regions of the United States.

*The Fourth Grade partnerships with Shop-Rite of Bristol, on their Young Consumer Program. The children work in teams to purchase \$100 worth of groceries to feed a family of four for a total of four days. The students are assessed on their budgeting skills, critical thinking, communication, and decision making.

*As part of Catholic School Week, students wrote letters to the Servicemen and Women.

Field Trips Scheduled:

January 2008: Shop-Rite shopping excursion

January 2008: Time Expo Museum in Waterbury

**Next Month's Featured Grade:
First & Second Grade**