

February 18, 2010

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for allowing your child to bring in cakes for the Mardi Gras cakewalk. It was a fun time to celebrate the coming of Lent, as well as raising money for a charitable cause. Also, the students have been working on raising funds for the Haitian earthquake victims for the last two weeks, and they have raised \$308.50. During Lent the three things we are asked to remember, is prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. What a wonderful example of almsgiving your children have displayed. Please remember that the school service project is collecting food items for the food bank. Each class has a day to bring in a canned item. Monday has been designated as the day for Kindergarten, 5th and 8th grade to bring in the can of food. We did such a wonderful job last year, and hope this year will be even better.

We continuing to work on the Exploration Period of our American history. We will continue to read and discuss the text and use the Jeopardy packets, as well. Each packet consists of questions divided into categories pertaining to each period of American history. It is a wonderful way to use research skills to answer the questions. We will be using our text, library and Internet. We will be working together to obtain the information and sharing of the sources. In March we will begin the Colonization Period, and the students will be choosing the colonies that they plan to build. We will be working on the preliminary plans in class. This project will begin after the Science Fair projects and research paper are finished and turned in.

We are still in China for ITC, but should be leaving for Africa fairly soon. If anyone is interested in becoming a speaker for this portion of our trip, please let me know.

Finally, we will be attending the school Reconciliation Service in March. As a parent, I hope you take this opportunity to observe Lent by helping your child better understand this Sacrament. During Lent the Sunday readings and prayers shine the light of God's love into the deepest corners of our hearts. The Sacrament of Reconciliation helps us to respond to God's love.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Albert