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Dear 4B Parents,

I hope you had a nice 3-day weekend. It sounds like many of the students did. We have a short, but busy week.

Spelling: There is no spelling packet this week. Instead the students will be tested on the seven Sacraments. They must be in the correct group and spelled correctly. Capitals included! They received a study sheet on Friday, which is in their filer. Bonus words are: inauguration, Barack Obama, and presidential. These are optional.

Writing: Students are finishing up their rough drafts of their MLK writing and will be working on the final copy this week. Look for these on display during Catholic School's Week and the Open House next Sunday.

Math: Friday's math test was returned today. Look for it in your child's filer. This week we will be reading and writing large numbers, identifying place values, writing numbers in expanded form, and multiplying three and four digit numbers by one digit numbers and identifying missing addends.

Social Studies: The State in a Box projects are due this Friday, or before. At home you should double check to make sure all required elements are in place. All students were given a checklist of items that are required for their boxes. You can also access this checklist on the website under the "*State in a Box*" tab. If all of the requirements are neatly and thoughtfully included/displayed, students will receive an "A" on this project. Next week the students will be presenting their boxes to the class in a "*tour guide*" style. They can use note cards if they like. Presentations should last 2-4 minutes. Please assist your child to keep these presentations to the time limit. Students should practice good expression and be creative. **Don't forget, the big 50 state test, with a few added sites, is this Thursday. All students have study sheets, and I have also placed copies on our website. Good Luck!**

Science: Science tests have been returned and are in your child's filer. This week we will be working with conductors and insulators (didn't get to it last week) and making a filament.

Religion: We continue to pray the Nicene Creed in class and students can be praying this at home as well. They are expected to know it by Friday, March 6th. We will be learning about the Sacraments in more detail.

Reading: Most of our reading time will be used to work on the Martin Luther King, Jr. biographies. Students should have a chapter book available to read at school for when they are finished with their writing, or waiting for it to be edited.

Field Trip: There is a field trip form in your child's folder that should be returned by this Friday. It is for the "Thanking of the Local Businesses" field trip, which is done during Catholic School's Week. This is a 4th grade tradition and will take place on Tuesday, 29th beginning at 10:30 am and will take about an hour and a half to two hours. **Ms. Simpson and I would love to have drivers/chaperones assist in this field trip.** You'll need to arrive at school about 10:15 on Thursday. Students will be trained in how to present the certificates to the businesses and drivers will help students deliver the certificates. Ms. Simpson and I will have the certificates ready and organized.

Class Theme Day: Next Monday is Twin/Triplet/Quintuplet Day for our classroom. It's important that students keep their word of dressing with other "twins" so that feelings don't get hurt. We've discussed this in class as well.

Have a great week!