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Week at a Glance for Families

January 8, 2017

Welcome back, everyone!

Monday, January 8

- Senior Girls BB practice at lunch hour
- Monday Liturgy @ 12:20pm
- Parish connections @ lunch hour
 - (knitting, crochet, learning about the Church)

Tuesday, January 9

- Senior Boys BB practice after school to 4:10pm
- Chess Club - sign up meeting at first recess for anyone interested in Grades 3 to 8 (Mrs. Knoll's Classroom)

Wednesday, January 10

- Senior Boys BB practice at lunch hour
- Parent Council 6:30pm

Thursday, January 11

- Senior Boys BB practice at lunch hour
- Senior Girls BB practice after school to 4:10pm

Friday, January 12

- Senior Girls BB practice at lunch hour
- PIZZA day today
- St. Pat's visiting Grade 8 classrooms this afternoon

Saturday, January 12

- Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest at Sacred Heart School Gym (8am to noon)

Attachments:

- **Read to Understand / Math Problem Solving**

View the latest school news at our School News website: [HTTP://WWW.ST-CLAIR.NET/SH](http://www.st-clair.net/sh)

Have a great weekend, everyone!



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Happy New Year

Read to Understand!

Students who are in control of their own reading comprehension become purposeful, active readers. Here are a few ideas to help your child.

Before reading:

- Ask, "What do you think this book might be about?" If the book has pictures, look at the pictures without reading and talk about them.

During reading:

- Read together. Stop every few pages and ask your child to summarize what they've read. Ask your child, "Does this make sense?" If it doesn't, have them reread and talk about the part that didn't make sense.
- Discuss the meanings of interesting and new words that are in the story.

After reading:

- Hold a conversation and discuss what your child has read. For example, say "I wonder why that character acted that way?" or "How do you think he felt? Why?" and "So, what lesson can we learn here?" Help your child go back to the book to support his or her answers.

A fun way to support comprehension of characters is to use the Akinator online. <http://en.akinator.com/> Simply think of a character and answer a series of questions about them, after which the Akinator will magically reveal the character's name and picture. Your children will be amazed how often it is right!

How to Help your Child with Problem Solving!

One of the main reasons for studying **mathematics** is to develop the ability to solve problems. Problem solving is the process of applying what we already know to new and unfamiliar situations. By learning mathematics through problem solving, children can develop critical and creative thinking skills.

How Can Parents Help?

- **Be enthusiastic.** Let your child see how excited you are about solving a problem.
- **Provide time and talk about problem solving.** Be patient with your child. Let them work at their own pace. Talk about options, strategies and ideas for problem solving.
- **Ask Questions.** A well timed question can open up your child's thinking about the problem at hand and often help them remember what he/she learned in class.
- **Reinforce risk taking.** Children need a great deal of security to risk being wrong. When they begin to realize that they can learn from their mistakes, they will try harder to complete the problem.
- **Reward perseverance.** Instant success is not always possible in learning mathematics. Encourage children to keep trying by asking them questions that will lead them in the right direction.
- **Use children's experiences.** As often as possible, base problems on children's everyday experiences at school and at home.

Check out this link for ideas <http://www.figurethis.org/index.html>.