

# St. Martin de Porres School

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*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13*

Our Student Learning Expectation for this week is:  
**#3 We work together.**

This week we will focus on: FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS ~ LISTENING  
~ COOPERATION ~ COMMUNICATION ~ ORGANIZATION



## Important Announcements:

- ❖ **Welcome Back! We hope that everyone had a wonderful Easter.** As we approach the last few weeks of school, remember that the St. Martin de Porres School faculty and staff are here to support our families as we continue to provide our students with an excellent education in the caring St. Martin de Porres School community. If you need assistance with anything, please do not hesitate to contact us. *God Bless our St. Martin de Porres School community.*
- ❖ We have **several activities and events planned for the end of the school year** where parent support is needed and encouraged. More information to come, but mark your calendars now. ☺
  - Week of May 1 – **Teacher Appreciation Week**
  - May 6 – **SF Girls Choir Concert Celebrating SMDP School** at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 6:00 p.m.
  - May 11 **Talent Show** 5:30 p.m. in the Sacred Heart cafeteria
  - May 19 - **All school party at Sacred Heart Campus** (instead of at Mosswood Park)
    - Activities and games on the playground, BBQ outside, Dancing party with a DJ, Photobooth
    - **See enclosed form to sign up for how you can help.**
  - **Thursday, June 1** Mass Celebrating SMDP School, 9:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church
- ❖ **May 10 is Faith Family Day.** We are celebrating the **First Communion** of some of our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. All students will be at the Sacred Heart campus. **All students, K – 8**, will be at the elementary school campus, so Middle school students should be dropped off at the **Sacred Heart campus** that day. **Dismissal will be at 12:15 p.m.** Middle school afterschool program will be at the Sacred Heart campus on this day as well.

- ❖ Did you know that **Earth Day** was first celebrated in San Francisco on April 22, 1970? Since then numerous communities throughout the world celebrate Earth Day annually. Small changes add up quickly and can make a measurable difference on your carbon footprint and use of the Earth's natural resources. Here are some tips on how you can help the Earth every day.

### **-Plant Flowers-**

Locally-sourced flowers are typically low maintenance because they're accustomed to your climate.

**-Use Natural Pest Control-**Reduce your reliance on synthetic pest control methods like toxic powders and sprays.

**-Seal the Door-** Install a draft stopper on your door and seal up major cracks or leaks where you can.

**-Take Cooler, Shorter Showers-** Taking a cooler, shorter shower can reduce energy use.

**-Install a Smart Thermostat-**To reduce waste, consider installing a smart, programmable thermostat.

**-Check Your Fridge-** Set your fridge to 37° F to reduce unnecessary energy use and keep your food fresh and unfrozen.

### **-Lower Your Water Heater-**

Lowering the settings to 120° F saves energy.

**-Put on a Sweater-** If the house feels a little chilly, put on a sweater, warm socks, and cozy sweatpants rather than turning up the heater.

**-Let There be Sunlight-** Open up the curtains and blinds to let in more natural light whenever possible.

**-Reuse Glass Containers-** Before you recycle your glass bottles and jars, think about how you can reuse them. Large jars are great for salads and soups, small ones are the perfect size to measure portions of nuts and dressings.

**-Check Your Tire Pressure-**Improve fuel efficiency and lower your carbon footprint by keeping your tires properly inflated.

### **-Walk, Bike to Work, or use Public Transportation-**

It reduces your carbon footprint.

**-Start a Carpool-** consider carpooling with co-workers in your neighborhood.

**-Unplug and Go Outside-** Do yourself and the planet a favor by powering down, going outside, and enjoying nature with your friends and family.

**-Get a Reusable Water Bottle-** Disposable, plastic water bottles may be convenient but they release toxic plasticizers that are bad for the environment.

**-Take a Mug to Work-** Skip the disposable cups and bring your own mug to work.

**-Stop Printing-** Whenever possible save paper by avoiding printing.



*"To the LORD your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it." - Deuteronomy 10:14*