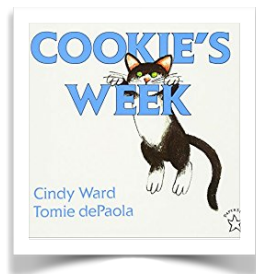
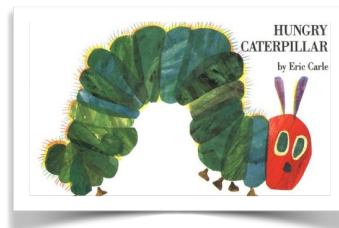


Kindergarten Connection

Spiritual Growth, Academic Excellence, Moral Integrity

English Language Arts

We had a very productive but extremely short week. We dove back into our Calendar Capers unit with another look at the very popular book by Eric Carle, The Very Hungry Caterpillar. The children enjoyed rereading the story and chiming in with the words they



knew. At centers, the children had the opportunity to make their own copies of the book to take home. When the children took a look at the pages they realized I had left words out that they had to fill in to complete the story. It was a challenging activity and everyone did their best. The children also enjoyed a book called, Cookie's Week by Cynthia Ward. This story is about a mischievous little cat that gets into all kinds of trouble each day of the week. Hopefully, we will write our own class book based on this story in the coming weeks. We have begun learning two songs about the days of the week and seasons

of the year. The children are creating a new journal called, The Months of the Year. This week the children made the winter, spring, and summer pages.

Math

We started a new math center sheet last week but really didn't have a chance to get a lot done on it. The children are working on the following activities: Before and After- Students roll dice and decide who has the bigger number then follow up the activity by filling in missing numbers on a penguin worksheet. Hidden numbers- Students use their sharp eyes to find numbers 0-9 hidden among insects. Hungry Caterpillar count and color sheet. Stack, Tell Spin and Win comparison number game. One Bright Monday Morning counting story and math journals. Just a quick reminder about the **Math Blaster homework. It comes on Thursdays** clipped to the notebook in the daily pouch and should be completed by your child and returned in the daily pouch **but not clipped** so your child can take it out independently and hand it in on **Fridays**. The Math Blaster is a review of concepts covered since the beginning of the year. It is meant as reinforcement and review of concepts presented at school and should be easily completed by your child with little adult assistance. If this isn't the case or your child is giving you a difficult time about completing the sheet please let me know. Please help your child develop good homework habits by having him/her return the Math Blaster on Friday morning. Thanks in advance for your support with this activity. The entire class brought the first paper back last Friday! Well done!



100th Day Project

The 100th day of school is quickly approaching! Attached to the newsletter last week was information regarding a special 100 day project. Please read the information and let me know if you have any questions. **Most importantly the project doesn't come to school until the 100th day which is still February 13th since our count was off by a day. Hopefully we don't have anymore snow days between now and then!**

Friday Folders

Please make sure you are reading the newsletter and taking your child's work out of the folder when it comes home. I have been getting folders returned at the start of the week with everything still in the folder. It isn't a nice way for me to start the week.

ELA Centers From This Week

Below are the centers your child completed this week.

POETRY NOTEBOOKS

"Penguins" and "Dragon Smoke"

UNDERCOVER

Winter, spring and summer pages

MEET WITH MRS. ZIEMBA

Assessments

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Original Food Books

DISCOVERY

Months of the Year Concentration.

WRITING

The Hungry Caterpillar booklet.

ABC CENTER

Lift the flap sequencing Hungry Caterpillar story.

ART FUN

Months of the Year journal cover.

EXTRA FUN

Easels, Puzzles, Independent/Buddy Reading, Read Around the Room, iPads.

Religion

This week we have been exploring signs and symbols that show God's love for us. The chapter began with helping the children appreciate the power of signs and symbols in their world. Jesus is a sign of God's love for them. It is important that the children learn that through their actions they can be signs of love, just as Jesus is. We are always trying to let our lights shine in all we say and do so others know we are bright shining images of God.



Red Words (Trick Words)

Red/tricky words are words that can't be sounded out. We are playing a variation of the ever popular Rock, Paper, Scissors game to learn the word, are. The children are very excited every time we play!

Bits and Pieces

Please practice coat zipping, snapping and buttoning with your child. These are important self-help skills your child needs to learn. We are practicing at school but more is needed at home. If your child can't put on gloves independently, please send mittens instead.

Please make sure you send a coat to school everyday.
Thanks!

We are in need of donations of the following concessions for our afternoon Movie Day during Catholic Schools Week: individual/snack size bags of popcorn, chips, pretzels, etc.; full size candy (any variety). Please send in donations labeled "CSW" by Friday, January 26th.

Wear Dress Uniform to Sunday Mass on 1/28 to earn a dress down day on Monday, Feb. 5! (Bring a parent note to school confirming participation.)