

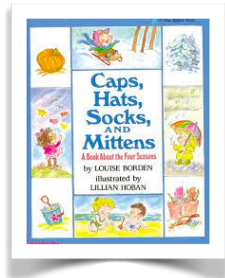
Kindergarten Connection

Spiritual Growth, Academic Excellence, Moral Integrity

English Language Arts

This week we have read some fantastic books. Everyone found Our Seasons to be very informational. It is hard for the children to imagine winter being cold and snowy here, while it is summer on the other side of the globe! We took a look at Mystery Science and have begun recording our weather looking for patterns in our science journals. Everyone was excited to finally get to build our

wall mural based on the book, A House for Hermit Crab. We made speech bubbles for our crabs that tell what makes a good friend which also ties into this week's religion unit. Cookie's Week continues to be a favorite story and we are hoping to create a sequel next week. The children will have a fun time creating new adventures for Cookie.



We have begun to explore open and closed vowel sounds. I have been showing the children how a consonant blocks in a vowel and it makes the vowel sound short. When it is not blocked by a consonant the vowel is long. We open and shut a door on houses to demonstrate this concept. Being able to identify these vowels within words will help the children read. Next week they will have fun opening and closing the door on little paper houses to help them identify the open (long) and closed (short) vowel sounds and then read the words. **Report cards** came home today and there is a sticker inside the envelope for your child. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Math

We continue to explore addition and subtraction with lots of practice adding and subtracting to 5. We have also been looking at the number partners for 10. The children have a fantastic understanding of this concept already. The class has enjoyed acting out different number sentences using fruits and vegetables from our kitchen area. We also enjoyed partnering up to play a guessing game to find the missing partners for 7. The children had fun singing the Addition Boogie song again using the Promethean Board. Math Blaster Homework: Hopefully all went well with the third math homework. The children have been doing a great job at bringing their homework back on time! The Guessing jar had Dum Dum lollipops in it this week. Ask your child for the total.

Valentine's Day

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day on **Tuesday, February 13th**. We will be exchanging cards with everyone in our class so please make sure your child has 20 cards. **I would like the children to practice their handwriting by writing each classmate's name on the outside of the Valentine.** You might want to get started on this project soon, as it can be quite daunting to label many Valentines in one day.



Bits and Pieces

Catholic Schools Week

Special events are planned all week starting with open house on **Sunday, January 28th** from 11-2. If your child wears their dress uniform to church over the weekend they will earn a dress down day in the future. Please send me an email if your child participates at a Mass in uniform.

Monday, January 29th wear Green EcoShirts

Celebrating our community first responders with a Breakfast Treat "Drive-Thru!"

Tuesday, January 30th Comfy Cozy Dress Down day, Engineering challenges,

afternoon movie and concessions (money needed for purchasing snacks)

Wednesday, January 31st regular uniforms with red, white and blue accessories. Flag Ceremony Military/Veterans visit
Prospective parents open house, 8:15AM-11:15 AM

ELA Centers From This Week

Below are the centers your child completed this week.

POETRY NOTEBOOKS

"Snowflakes"

UNDERCOVER

Seasons book

MEET WITH MRS. ZIEMBA

red word work: of and
saw

LISTENING

Days, Weeks and
Months

DISCOVERY

Autumn book page
Science Journals

WRITING

My Favorite Day of the
Week

ABC CENTER

Red words / word wall
work with shaving cream

HANDWRITING

Handwriting Bb

EXTRA FUN

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

Religion

In preparation for Catholic Schools Week we did a special writing project telling why the children like attending Immaculate Conception. We also thought about what we would say to Jesus if he came to see us and wrote our ideas on a speech bubble for a school wide bulletin board. The chapter in our religion book focused on friendship. We tied in the book, A House for Hermit Crab to create a wall mural. The children wrote about what makes a good friend. As usual we read our Promise magazine today so the children will have a better understanding of Sunday's Gospel.



Red/Tricky Words

We worked on reviewing the words, was, are and you this week. Our new words are of and saw. Hopefully, you are keeping track of the words we are learning so you can help your child use those words when writing at home.

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Catholic Schools Continued

Thursday, February 1st

This is a DRESS UNIFORM DAY School Mass at 9:00 followed by Faith Family activity. This is a 12:15 dismissal day Bingo Fundraiser- Students bring in 15 coins to use as bingo chips! Proceeds to be donated to Camilla Hall.

Friday, February 3rd

Delayed opening! School starts at 10 AM for students Student Dress Down: "favorite team" clothing.

CAP The children enjoyed the CAP program this week. Songs were sung and little skits were acted out to teach the children ways to stay safe and how to get help when needed.

100 Days The big event is Tuesday, February 13th barring any snow days! Hopefully you have begun to think of some ideas. Pinterest has lots of suggestions!

Thank you to everyone who sent in Clorox wipes, markers and Twistables!