

Kindergarten Connection

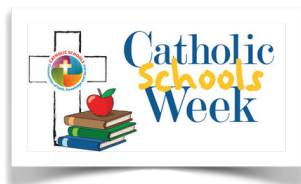
Spiritual Growth, Academic Excellence, Moral Integrity

English Language Arts

Our Calendar Capers unit has come to an end and the children have selected two writing pieces from the unit to put in their portfolios. This week we had great fun making a roller coaster for a marble to travel down. The children worked in groups of 4 and used 20 sheets of copy paper, 10 pieces of construction paper and masking tape during our STEM challenge on Tuesday. Each group was trying to build the tallest roller coaster with the most twists and turns for their marble to travel. It was wonderful to watch the teamwork and determination as the children built their roller coasters. After a



break for an early lunch we worked on a second challenge. This one involved using blocks to build the tallest tower that could hold the most blobs (math manipulative). This challenge took some thinking outside the box to make a tall tower that had room to hold objects and still stand up. It was fun watching each group figure out how to build a strong structure. By the end of the challenge the children realized that skinny towers don't hold as many objects and are hard to keep up!



Our space unit will begin on Monday. As always, if you have anything at home that goes with the unit feel free to send it in clearly marked with your child's name.

Literacy Pouches seem to be going well. I hope you enjoyed the break this week. Please keep the paperclips either on your child's work or on the instruction cards.

Math

We are finally ready to begin a new math center sheet. Here is a description of what the children will be doing over the next couple of weeks; Roll a Martian- children roll 2 dice, add them together and then color a part of the martian. The first person to color their whole martian is the winner, Satellite dot to dot-Children connect numbers in order working on number identification and then color the picture, Chocolate chip cookie addition- children roll a number die and a dot die, add them together and then draw chocolate chips on the cookie. Once both cookies have chocolate chips they are all added together, Number Booklets: number writing and counting practice 10-20 numbers, Bubble Gum Bubble Gum in a dish game with an addition page, and lastly, Dominoes Same Number game- played with 4 students counting and matching numbers to be this first person to run out of dominoes becoming the winner. Our guessing jar still had Tootsie Rolls in it this week. Make sure to ask your child how many were in the jar.



Bits and Pieces

100th Day Project

The 100th Day Projects are due this coming **Tuesday, February 13th.**

Valentine's Day

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day on **Tuesday, February 13th.** The children are exchanging cards with everyone in our class so please make sure your child has 20 cards because they aren't making a card for themselves. **I would like the children to practice their handwriting by printing 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.

ELA Centers From This Week

Below are the centers your child completed this week.

POETRY NOTEBOOKS

The month of the year
song

UNDERCOVER

4 seasons picture sort

STEM CHALLENGE

Tower and Paper roller
coaster building

SCIENCE LAB

Tracking the weather

DISCOVERY

Scholastic News

WRITING

Our favorite day of the
week

ABC CENTER

Days of the week letter
matching

ART FUN

Valentine Hearts

EXTRA FUN

Wikki Stixx, Play Doh,
iPads, Puzzles, Buddy
Reading, easels

Religion

The focus in our religion book this week was on Jesus telling stories. Jesus is the master storyteller. We discovered that God's favorite story is a love story between ourselves and God. We colored God's story book the Bible. We also made a picture of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. We know Jesus' love is so great he will always take care of us and love us no matter what we do. Everyone enjoyed getting to go to their Faith Family yesterday. All the families played Catholic Schools Week bingo with each child hoping to win a prize! The 8th graders presented Saints Alive. Each 8th grader dressed up as their Confirmation saint and rotated through each family teaching them about their saint We sure did learn a lot! As usual we read our Promise magazine today so the children will have a better understanding of Sunday's Gospel.



Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is open!

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Absence Reminder

I kindly ask you to remember to let me know when your child is going to be absent and why. I thank those parents who kept me in the loop this week.

Homework

Please make sure the Literacy Pouch comes back on Thursdays. Last week several were late. I need to get the pouches ready for the following week. When it comes back late I can't get it done before the weekend. Math blaster homework is due on Friday morning. Hopefully, you enjoyed no math homework as a surprise last night!

Tricky Tray

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the Tricky Tray on February 10th from 2-6

Dress down day for those who attend Mass to kick off Catholic Schools week is on Monday, February 5.

President's Day Weekend

No school for students on Friday February 16 and No school on Monday, February 19th