

## **Pre-Kindergarten News February 10th, 2017**

Dear Pre-K Families,

We had a great week learning even more about life on a farm. I am sure you have heard about everything from Old MacDonald to farm machinery. The kids are like sponges soaking up fun facts and details.

There are a lot of events coming up around the school. Make sure to read the school newsletter for details and as always don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions. Many of you have let me know about dates you will be out of town in the coming weeks. If your family will be traveling prior to Spring Break just email me and let me know the dates and notify the office prior to leaving.

Our Valentine celebration will be at 1:00 on Tuesday. Please make sure to send in your child's valentines by the time they arrive on Tuesday morning. It takes a while for everyone to pass them out to the mailbags before the celebration!

Blessings,

Mrs. Mannenbach

### **Classroom News**

We have been learning about why farmers have animals. We focused on the concept words of: cow, egg, hen, milk, pig, and sheep.

Our amazing (new) words for the week were: deal, electric, impatient, exchange, furious, and daily.

This week we focused on the stories: **Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type** and **All About Farm Animals**

We continued to review the differences between fiction and nonfiction stories. Our phonological focus was to listen for words beginning with the same sound.

We reviewed the letters and sounds for Mm, Oo, Bb, Ee, Tt, Ss, Ii, Jj, Pp, Dd, Kk Cc, Ff, Gg and Ll and listened for our new letter sounds Uu, and Hh.

We practiced comparing groups with more or fewer. Our calendar has a new pattern. Check and see if they remember it.

In Science and Social Studies we looked at the different animals that we might find on a farm and how they help the farmer. We discussed the needs the animals have. In the science lab we learned about bio domes and made our own. The kids observed, predicted and planted.

Our Religion focus this week is how we show our love for others when we

share. This is a great introduction leading into Valentine's Day preparations. Msgr. Pat paid us a visit on Thursday!

Some interesting questions to ask your child about the week are: How do the animals help the farmer? Do cows really type?! Look for items around the house and ask which group has more or fewer. What happens inside a bio dome? What did you plant? How can you show others you care for them?

Congratulations to Spencer, our Honored Cougar last week and to Owen D., our Honored Cougar this week. We are proud of all our little Cougars!

**Snack Reminder:**

Mon. – Julia (trade)

Tues.- Renata

Wed.- D.Q.

Thurs.- Max

Fri.- Owen T.

**Curriculum Focus for Next Week**

**Religion**

We show love for God when we help others.

Celebrate our love for family and friends

**Language Arts**

Listen for words with the same beginning sounds

Valentine rhyming

Letter naming and matching capital and lowercase

Rhyming words

**Math**

Taking away from 5

**Science/Social Studies**

Make observations and record what our bio-domes look like

Types of transportation getting food from farm to table

**School News**

February 14<sup>th</sup> class Valentine parties 1:00

February 17<sup>th</sup> Science Expo -See the attachment for details

**Upcoming Events**

February 26<sup>th</sup> 9:00 Family Mass by Pre-K and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

March 4<sup>th</sup> Cathedral School Auction

Feb 12-19) is the **Oregon Humane Society (OHS) Service Project** led by 7<sup>th</sup> grader

Lily Ragan. Lily will be collecting funds and supplies for the dogs and cats living at OHS, with the goal of raising at least \$800 and over 100 items. The support of the Cathedral community for the last three years was so fantastic that she is still increasing her goals from last year! There will be bins at the front and side doors for donation items. Monetary donations should be left in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade box by the front office; checks should be written to Oregon Humane Society.

All donations collected will be remitted to the OHS. A list of suggested donations is attached to this email.

"I am so happy to be continuing this for the third year in a row and I can't wait to see how many donations I can get this year! Thanks again, Cathedral Community for helping the animals in need! I know you love them as much as I do!"