

Pre-Kindergarten News March 17, 2017

Dear Pre-K Families,

Our class did a beautiful job preparing and celebrating Mass with our school community on Wednesday. Thank you to those of you able to join us. If you were not able to join us, I am sure your child has some special highlights to share.

Did anyone catch a leprechaun this morning? The kids learned all about the tricky little Irish characters. They had fun engineering their trap and planning changes for next year. Don't forget to ask if our class had a visit from one!

Next week we will celebrate "Spirit Day," on Thursday March 23rd. We will spend the first half of the day in family groups and enjoy many different activities.

Irish Blessings and Happy St. Patrick's Day!
Mrs. Molly Malone-Mannenbach

Classroom News

This week we enjoyed learning about animals that live in the desert. We focused on the concept words of: hide, lizard, snake, spider, turtle, and under. Our amazing (new) words for the week were: cowboy, sniff, gobble, herd, toss, and burrow.

Our focus stories were: **The Gingerbread Cowboy**, **Desert Quails Hit Jungle Trails** and **Meet the Desert**.

Our phonological focus continues to be breaking sounds apart in words and then blending them again. We reviewed the letters by name and are now identifying the letters by their individual sounds. This week we listened and looked for words and things beginning with Ff and Nn.

In Math we created and extended patterns (ABC, ABC) using rhythms, body motions, manipulatives and pictures. Our main focus was to identify numbers 0-9 out of sequence.

In Science/ Social Studies we looked at the desert animals and their features. We compared the jungle and desert environment and animals. We discussed the last part of Gingerbread Cowboy and discussed whom he trusted. We followed up with people in our community we can trust.

Most of our Religion time was spent preparing for our Mass. We learned about St. Patrick and how he taught the people of Ireland about God.

Some interesting questions to ask your child about the week are: What animals can you find in the desert? Can you find something in the house that begins with F or N? What is something special you learned about St. Patrick? What was one of your favorite stories shared this week?

Congratulations to our Honored Cougar this week, Michael. We are proud of all our little Cougars!

Snack Reminder:

Mon. – Ellie
Tues.- Julia
Wed.- Leftovers
Thurs.- Leftovers
Fri.- Leftovers

Curriculum Focus for Next Week

Religion

Lent

Baptism makes us members of the Church family

Language Arts

We will begin our new unit on Earth and Sky

Blending phonemes

Recognize letter names and their sound

Rhyming words

Opinion writing and illustrating

Math

Recognizing numbers

Making and breaking sets

Science/Social Studies

School News

Thursday March 23rd Spirit Day

Friday March 24th PBS Assembly/Free dress

Friday March 24th, 2nd trimester report cards go home

March 27th –31st Spring Break

Upcoming Events

Friday April 14th, Stations of the Cross

Thursday May 4th, Art Show and Spaghetti Dinner