

January 22, 2016

Dear Pre-K Families,

The kids have been filled with excitement all week as they drop their coins into our collection jug. Keep collecting! The coin drive ends next Thursday January 28th. We will take the coins to the bank at the end of the day and let everyone know on Friday morning at the assembly if we reached our goal of \$500.

Included in your child's folder today is their "Winter" trace and color book. The last few pages are incomplete due to the days off for snow and some schedule changes. The pages can be finished at home. When your child is practicing the letters please help reinforce good writing skills by:

- Writing with a pencil
- Starting all letters at the top and not at the bottom
- Holding the paper with one hand and the pencil in the other
- Hold the pencil on the paint portion and not on the lead or wood

Their fine motor development gets stronger every day! Thank you for your support.

Blessings,
Mrs. Mannenbach

Ask Your Child About:

Question of the week: How do machines help farmers?

Ask the meaning/understanding of one of our concept words by giving the description: field, row, seed, soil, tool, tractor

Ask them to describe one of our amazing words: crowd, fancy, pond, fair, parade, startle

- Identify capital, lowercase and name letters Mm, Oo, Bb, Ee, Tt, Ss, Ii, Jj, Pp, Dd, Kk, Cc, Ff, Nn, Xx, Gg, Ll, by sight. New this week: Ww and Rr
- Focus stories for the week: **Otis** and **Wheat from the Farm**
- What is a Farmer's Market?
- What is the character, Otis?
- What does a thermometer show us?
- Science/Technology with Mrs. Rae: We created robots out of recycled items. Next week we are going to try and make them move or light up!
- Share the religion leaflet together. What is a talent? Who gave us talents? Why does God give us talents?

Next Week:

- Friday January 29th Free Dress, Kick-off assembly for Catholic Schools Week

Weekly Honors:

- Congratulations to our Honored Cougar Patrick. We earned the Golden Lunchbox for our respectful manners in the lunchroom. We are proud of all our Cougars!

Snack Reminder:

- Mon: Aine (trade)
- Tues: Vittoria (trade)
- Wed: Josie (trade)
- Thurs: Patrick
- Fri: Maggie