

## **Pre-Kindergarten News March 3, 2017**

Dear Pre-K Families,

Thank you for supporting our kids at the family Mass this past Sunday. The kids are still talking about what a great celebration it was.

We began the season of Lent on Wednesday by gathering at Mass and receiving our ashes. Prior to the Ash Wednesday Liturgy, Pre-K met on Monday with their 4<sup>th</sup> grade buddies to learn that Lent is the church season when we prepare our hearts for Easter. We will talk about things we can do during this time that help others.

Blessings,  
Mrs. Mannenbach

### **Classroom News**

This week we investigated the life of jungle animals. We focused on the concept words of: elephant, frog, lion, monkey, parrot, and zebra. Our amazing (new) words for the week were: chase, complain, pattern, mistake, collect, and splash.

This week we focused on the stories: **Chameleon's Colors** and **Clever Chameleons**. We continue to compare and contrast the differences in our stories. Our phonological focus was to listen to the sounds in words and then break or take part away and listen to what is left. We are blending sounds. We reviewed the letters by name and are now identifying the letters by their individual sounds. Our Math focus continued to identify patterns in things and animals around us. The students created color patterns and sound patterns. In Science/ Social Studies we looked at the types of animals that live in the jungle and compared the characteristics of living and non-living things. Our faith focus in Religion was that we are part of a family that loves and cares for us. During Lent we are going to find ways to show them we love them. Some interesting questions to ask your child about the week are: What jungle animal do you think is the most interesting and why? Can you create a pattern using sounds?

Congratulations to our Honored Cougar Gigi. We are proud of all our little Cougars!

### **Snack Reminder:**

Mon. – Theo  
Tues.- Renata  
Wed.- D.Q.  
Thurs.- Max  
Fri.- Owen T.

### **Curriculum Focus for Next Week**

#### **Religion**

Lent

We belong to our church family

**Language Arts**

Blending letter sounds

Recognize letter names

Rhyming words

**Math**

Recognizing patterns

Creating and extending patterns

**Science/Social Studies**

Investigate sources of heat energy

Observe clouds

**School News**

March 10th, 11:30 dismissal for Parent-Teacher conferences

March 27th -31st Spring Break

**Upcoming Events**

March 4th Cathedral School Auction

March 6-16 Sugar and Spice Drive for Blanchet House sponsored by 7<sup>th</sup> grade

March 9 Tuition Contracts and registration fees due