

Pre-Kindergarten News January 6th, 2017

Classroom News

Dear Pre-K Families,

Happy New Year and welcome back! We are all settling back into our daily routine. The kids did remarkably well adjusting back into school following a 2+-week break and snow days. Hopefully you all made it around safely on the slick streets.

Ms. Murphy and I would like to thank our families for the very generous Christmas gift we received as part of your contributions. It was overwhelming! Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will be remembered. In addition, thank you for your notes, sweet treats and special remembrances. We have been so blessed by your kindness.

Blessings,
Mrs. Mannenbach

Ask Your Child About:

Question of the week: What do workers do in our community?

Ask the meaning/understanding of one of our concept words by giving the description: bus driver, doctor, job, mail carrier, police officer, teacher

Ask them to describe one of our amazing words: alarm, emergency, firefighter, equipment, report, train (the focus meaning to get in shape)

Focus stories for the week: **A Day in the Life of a Firefighter** and **Up a Tree**

- Identify capital, lowercase and name letters Mm, Oo, Bb, Ee, Tt, Ss, Ii, Jj, Pp by sight. New this week: Dd, and Kk
- Special details about the job of a firefighter.
- What kind of a story is non-fiction?
- Who are some of the workers in our community?
- Name and describe solid figures: sphere, cylinder. Find things around the house that might be a sphere or cylinder
- Who visited Baby Jesus? What did they bring?

Weekly Honors: Congratulations to our Student of the Month for faith,

Theo and our Honored Cougar, Sadie. Great job to all of our little Cougars!

Snack Reminder:

Mon. - Owen D.

Tues.- Michael

Wed.- Ellie

Thurs.- Julia

Fri.- Gavin

Curriculum Focus for Next Week

Religion

We show our love for God by taking care of creation.

Preparing for our prayer service.

Language Arts

Focus topic: What can we do in our community?

Categorize words, blend sounds, and recognize letters.

Math

Continue naming and identifying solid figures

Science/Social Studies

Become aware of what it means to be a consumer.

Investigate properties of common ingredients.

School News

STAR Assessments January 9-13

Talent Show tryouts Tuesday, January 10th

Upcoming Events

Pre-K Spotlight on Service Coin Drive January 23rd-27th

Special Friend's Breakfast and Mass Wednesday February 1st

Catholic Schools Week

Our annual celebration of Catholic schools, National Catholic Schools Week, will take place January 29th to February 3rd, 2017. To kick off the week, we will hold a special Mass on Sunday, January 29th, at 9:00 am. All students are invited to participate in the Mass as greeters, readers, ushers, to carry the gifts, or join the procession. If you will be attending this Mass and your children would like to participate, please go to

<https://goo.gl/forms/MIj4qopSrYeHR2dH3> to complete the online form.