

## **Pre-Kindergarten News April 28th, 2017**

Dear Pre-K Families,

We have had a great week continuing to celebrate our planet, Earth. Take time to talk about ways you can take care of our planet as a family.

Thank you to those of you who have already helped prepare for the Art Show this Thursday May 4th. It is a lot of work but the load is lightened with many helping hands. This coming week will be very busy for volunteers preparing for the big day. Don't forget that the set-up and cleanup for the artwork is the responsibility of the Pre-K and 4<sup>th</sup> grade families. Other classes have been assigned to prepare and serve the Spaghetti Dinner. I hope you will be able to come to see the kid's masterpieces. The art will be on display in the gym 5:00 - 8:00. The dinner is available 5:00-7:30. The price is \$5 per person.

May Crowning is on Wednesday, May 3rd at 8:30 in the church. To honor Mary, students are invited to bring in a flower and wear 'Sunday Best' dress. Please feel free to join us and bring your own flower to place on the altar.

Blessings,

Mrs. Mannenbach

### **Classroom News**

This week we enjoyed learning about why we see shadows. We focused on the concept words of: between, dark, light, shadows, sidewalk, and wall. Our amazing (new) words for the week were: errand, pretend, whistle, practice, whirl, and entertain.

Our focus stories were: **Whistle for Willie** and **Animal Shadow Fun!**

Our phonological focus continues to be breaking sounds apart in words and then blending them again. We reviewed the letters by name and this week we listened and looked for words and things beginning with long a.

In Math we named common shapes, used them to create new designs and reviewed sharing a group equally.

In Science/ Social Studies we looked at more ways to reduce, reuse and recycle. We looked at how shadows move, and sources of light to make a shadow.

We continued to talk about different feelings in Second Step. This week we discussed strong feelings and ways to calm down.

In Religion we identified ways we can pray. When we pray it is one way to thank God.

Some interesting questions to ask your child about the week are: What do you need to make a shadow? Where can you make shadows around the house? Can you think of a word with the long a sound? How did your ping pong roller coaster work?

Congratulations to our Student of the Month representing Leadership, Gigi and our Honored Cougar, Spencer. We are proud of all our little Cougars!

### **Snack Reminder:**

Mon. – D.Q.

Tues.- Max

Wed.- Owen T.

Thurs.- Sadie

Fri.- Lucy

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

#### **Religion**

We honor Mary

#### **Language Arts**

Blending phonemes

Recognize letter names and their sound

Isolating letter sounds

Rhyming words

Journal writing and illustrating

## **Math**

Describing common shapes

Naming rhombuses

## **Science/Social Studies**

Shadows

Changes that happen in the sky

Discuss being courteous

## **Upcoming Events**

Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, Pizzicato Pizza at 505 NW 23<sup>rd</sup>, Dough For Dollars

Speech Festival

The Speech Festival is coming up! Annually, Cathedral hosts a speech festival in June. We will continue this tradition with each class performing a group chorale piece on June 8th. Parents are invited to watch the chorale performances (in the afternoon, times are TBD). Along with this, students kindergarten through 8th grade, will participate individually in the classroom. Pre-kindergarten students can choose whether they would like to participate in their classroom.

Start thinking about a piece your student can memorize- a poem, part of a favorite story, part of a speech... From this, 3 students will be selected to share their piece in front of the whole school on June 8th. Student's individual selections are due by May 12th and will be presented to the classroom during the week of May 22nd. More information will be coming soon!

Please see the attached documents in the school newsletter for more information as well as the sign-up form I have attached. The sign up form and a copy of the speech selection should be sent to the classroom by May 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!