

Pre-Kindergarten News February 24th, 2017

Dear Pre-K Families,

It is hard to believe this is the last letter I will write for February! We are stepping into March next week and I will begin the 2nd trimester individual assessments. Please let me know if you will be taking your child out early for Spring Break, vacation or an extended weekend. I need to complete all of the assessments by March 17th.

Friday March 10th is a half-day scheduled for Parent/Teacher conferences. Unlike fall conferences, not all families will have a conference scheduled. I will contact you if I think it's necessary to touch base about your child's progress.

Blessings,
Mrs. Mannenbach

Classroom News

We started our new unit on jungles. The kids are very excited to be learning about life in the jungle. We focused on the concept words of: branch, color, hot, jungle, leaf, trunk. Our amazing (new) words for the week were: explore, hunt, twig, giant, graze, moist.

This week we focused on the stories: **Amazing Jungle!** and **Hippopotamus**

We continue to compare and contrast the differences in our focus stories. Our phonological focus was to listen for words that rhyme.

We reviewed the letters and sounds for Mm, Oo, Bb, Ee, Tt, Ss, Ii, Jj, Pp, Dd, Kk Cc, Ff, Gg, Ll, Uu, Hh, Qq and Zz.

Our Math focus was to identify patterns in things and animals around us. The students practiced making repeating patterns.

In Science/ Social Studies we looked at the weather and characteristics of a jungle. They were introduced to the 3 layers of the jungle/rain forest. The kids can tell you the 2 presidents we celebrated this month and an interesting fact about them.

In the science lab we saw the 8th grade roller coaster presentations and then voted for our personal favorite.

Our faith focus in Religion was Jesus growing up in a family. His family is called the Holy Family. Ask what are things Jesus did with his family that you do with your family.

Some interesting questions to ask your child about the week are: What is the weather like in the jungle? Can you find words that rhyme? Do you see any patterns in your home? Which roller coaster did you like and why?

Congratulations to our Honored Cougar, D.Q. We are proud of all our little Cougars!

Snack Reminder:

The March snack calendar was sent to you yesterday.

We have run out of napkins. Please include them when it is your snack day. We are almost out of cups too. If your snack requires cups please send in 5oz cups.

Mon. – Ellie

Tues.- Julia

Wed.- Gavin

Thurs.- Gigi

Fri.- Zdenek

Curriculum Focus for Next Week

Religion

Ash Wednesday and Lent

We are part of a family that loves and cares for us

Language Arts

Blending letter sounds

Recognize letter names

Rhyming words

Math

Recognizing patterns

Creating and extending patterns

Science/Social Studies

Compare Characteristics of living and non-living things

School News

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

March 27th -31st Spring Break

Upcoming Events

February 26th 9:00 Family Mass by Pre-K and 4th Grade

March 4th Cathedral School Auction