# **Kindergarten News**

#### **Classroom News**

We are looking forward to next week. There is school on Monday and Tuesday to make up for the snow days. On Monday, we will visit with the author Mike Thaler who wrote The Teacher From the Black Lagoon as well as others in the series. If you have copies of his books, feel free to send them with your student to get signed.

Please send in a favorite book for your child to write about as we start our opinion writing unit. The book should be one that is very familiar so the children can support their opinions with details from the text.

# **Curriculum Focus for Next Week**

# Religion

Father Tim took us around the church to show us some important areas. We got to talk about the Tabernacle where the hosts are kept, see the Archbishop's chair, and talk about why we have a beautiful painting of Mary, Jesus' mother.

# Language Arts

We will be talking and reading about similes and metaphors. Students will think of their own similes: a fly is as fast as a , is as loud as thunder...

We are finishing up writing how- to informational pieces. Next, students will be working on opinion writing. They will be writing about a favorite book and including why it is a favorite.

#### Math

We are working on subtraction using the vocabulary take away, subtract, minus, and equals. We continue to write to 100 and count to 100 by 5's and 10's in preparation for celebrating the  $100^{th}$  day of school.

### **Social Studies**

We are learning about national symbols such as the bald eagle, the United States Flag, and Mt. Rushmore. We are also learning about the presidents and the White House.

## **School News**

I hope to see you at The Science Expo tonight from 5-7 p.m. Please come and see some things that your student is doing during Makerspace in science. Your whole family can participate!

Seventh grader Jake Viteznik and his older brother Jonathan (Cathedral alumni) are hosting a book drive. They will be collecting new and gently used books to donate to The Children's Book Bank. Check your child's folder for a handout with more information. The book drive will run from February  $20^{th} - 27^{th}$ .

If your daughter is interested in becoming a Girl Scout, Cathedral has its own

troop. Please contact Erik and Natasha Risotto-Scholtes (first grade and pre-kindergarten parents) <a href="mailto:erikandnatasha@yahoo.com">erikandnatasha@yahoo.com</a> and they will give you information about how to sign up.

# **Upcoming Events**

- 2/17- Science Expo, 5-7 p.m.
- 2/20- full day of school (snow make up day)
- 2/20- free dress for those who wore uniforms to Mass the weekend 1/28-1/29
- 2/21- full day of school (snow make up day)
- 2/22- Mass
- 2/24- token goal free dress, PBS assembly
- 3/1- Ash Wednesday Mass