

Pre-Kindergarten News March 10, 2017

Dear Pre-K Families,

Please join us this Wednesday, March 15th for our Class Mass. We have been preparing for it this week and will practice our parts next week. Our 4th grade buddies will be helping us. Everyone in Pre-K will have a special job at Mass as well as singing the complete song they sang at the Family Mass. The Mass begins at 8:30.

If your child has a speaking part, I will send a copy home with them on Monday, after we have a chance to practice in the church. Sometimes the parts get moved around depending on the child's comfort level. They can practice with you for our special celebration. Thank you for your support!

I would like to extend a very special thank you to our Pre-K families for your hard work, effort and financial support of this year's auction. You have amazing talent and dedication. I am very honored to be working with you this year!

Blessings,
Mrs. Mannenbach

Classroom News

This week we moved from the jungle to the desert. We focused on the concept words of: cactus, desert, dry, rock, sand, and sun.

Our amazing (new) words for the week were: coyote, invite, quick, howl, tumble, and mountain.

Our focus stories were: **Too Cool Coyotes** and **A Visit to the Desert**. We shared our opinion about which we would prefer to visit; the jungle or the desert and supported it with a reason. Our phonological focus continues to be breaking sounds apart in words and then blending them again. We reviewed the letters by name and are now identifying the letters by their individual sounds. This week we listened and looked for words and things beginning with Mm and Ss.

In Math we created and extended patterns (A,B,A,B) and (ABC, ABC) using rhythms, body motions, manipulatives and pictures.

In Science/ Social Studies we looked at the land features of a desert, and compared soil and sand. The kids observed how we measure heat change using a thermometer. They are amazed by the increase and decrease levels on our class thermometer depending on where we place it. The freezer was the best!

Our Religion time has been spent preparing for our Mass and discovering that we belong to our church family. We are friends of Jesus!

Some interesting questions to ask your child about the week are: What plant can you find in the desert? What could change the heat in your home? What are some symbols for St. Patrick's Day? What is the difference between a shamrock and a clover?

Last Friday we were awarded the Golden Cross. Congratulations to our Honored

Cougar this week, Gavin. We are proud of all our little Cougars!

Snack Reminder:

Mon. – Sadie

Tues.- Lucy

Wed.- Spencer

Thurs.- Owen D.

Fri.- Michael

Curriculum Focus for Next Week

Religion

Lent

Class Mass

We belong to our church family

Language Arts

Blending letter sounds/breaking words apart

Recognize letter names and their sound

Rhyming words

Math

Recognizing numbers

Creating and extending patterns

Science/Social Studies

Desert animals

Desert traits

School News

March 27th –31st Spring Break

Upcoming Events

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