

## **Kindergarten News**

### **Classroom News**

We are saying good-bye to Miss Morrin next Friday. She will be graduating from the University of Portland and then headed to work for the Augustinian Volunteers in campus ministry at Merrimack College in Massachusetts. We will miss having Miss Morrin in the classroom everyday and are very appreciative of her work this year!

The students have really taken to the “cool to be kind” challenge from family groups. They were each given a secret task- something simple such as smile at everyone you walk by in the hall, tell a joke, make a card for a teacher... We are continuing the “cool to be kind” challenge within the classroom by setting a goal each day. Some of the kids thought they’d like to try this challenge at home, too!

Attention all mothers! In honor of Mother’s Day, the kindergarteners would like to invite you to join us for a little treat on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:15- 8:35. We hope you can join us for a special visit for you and your kindergartner.

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

#### **Religion**

We will begin working on our May Crowning Mass. During this Mass, the kindergarteners and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will honor Mary. Students will wear Sunday Best dress and bring in a flower to place on the altar for Mary.

#### **Language Arts**

We are thinking about important parts of stories while we read. As we think about important parts, we are learning about story elements that help us understand more. We will think about the setting and character traits.

In writing, we continue to work on writing narratives. We are making sure our narratives have a setting, character, and an overall main idea. We are including details to support the main idea and make our stories more interesting.

#### **Math**

We are completing our unit on measuring. The students are comparing items by length, height, and capacity. We have items on hand for the students to experiment with such as rulers, scales, and measuring cups.

## **Science**

Our caterpillars are growing and growing. There is a visible change in the size of the caterpillars daily. We are awaiting their next phase- starting to form a cocoon. We call this stage the pupa.

We have enriched our caterpillar study by writing a report using the app Book Creator. We used ShowMe to make a life cycle diagram that included labels and pictures.

## **School News**

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!

## **Upcoming Events**

4/26- POW

4/28- token goal free dress, half day

5/3- May Crowning led by kindergarten and 8<sup>th</sup> grade, 8:30

5/4- Art Show and Spaghetti Dinner

5/12- Mother's Day sweet treat, 8:15