

Pre-Kindergarten News April 21st, 2017

Dear Pre-K Families,

Alleluia and Happy Easter Week! I hope you had a joyful Easter celebration with family and friends.

We are heading into our final two units for this school year. Next week we will start talking about shadows and reflections. You might want to get flashlights and mirrors handy. Shadows outside will be a little tough without sun, but we will make the best of it!

Have a great weekend!

Blessings,

Mrs. Molly Mannenbach

Classroom News

This week we enjoyed learning about: how we can take care of the Earth. We focused on the concept words of: bottle, can, Earth, garbage, paper, and recycle. Our amazing (new) words for the week were bin, harm, plastic, poster, separate, and team. Our focus stories were: **Think Green!** and **Show Your Care!** Ask your child to name the 3 r's to take care of the Earth.

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 l/l/ and p/p/.

In Math we used strategies to share 10 items equally.

In Science/ Social Studies we looked at ways to reduce, reuse and recycle here at school and also at home.

We continued to talk about different feelings in Second Step. This week we talked about how we can show someone we care about their feelings.

In Religion we spent time reading and discussing Easter and Jesus' resurrection.

Some interesting questions to ask your child about the week are: What happens when we don't take care of the Earth? Can you find something in the house that begins with l or p? What happened when Jesus' friends looked in the tomb?

Congratulations to our Honored Cougar this week, Owen T. We are proud of all our little Cougars!

Snack Reminder:

Mon. – Gavin

Tues.- Gigi

Wed.- Zdenek

Thurs.- Theo

Fri.- Renata

Curriculum Focus for Next Week

Religion

Different ways we pray

Language Arts

Blending phonemes

Recognize letter names and their sound

Isolating letter sounds

Rhyming words

Journal writing and illustrating

Math

Naming common shapes

Science/Social Studies

Shadows

Changes in the sky

Safety rules to follow

School News

Friday April 28th 11:30 dismissal and free dress

Upcoming Events

Thursday May 4th Art Show and Spaghetti Dinner

Speech Festival

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!