

## **Kindergarten News**

### **Classroom News**

Thank you to our party planners for Valentine's Day! We will celebrate by handing out cards to our friends, too. Students are invited to bring in Valentines for the whole class (we have 21 students). Please have your child sign their Valentines (do not address them). At school, we will add number labels ("addresses") to the cards and play a math game.

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

#### **Religion**

We are learning about being a friend of Jesus and doing what Jesus has taught. We are learning that we are a part of a Church family and the Pope is the head of our Church family.

#### **Language Arts**

We are learning about making inferences and using context clues to better understand stories. We use this strategy frequently when determining unknown words in reading groups. While you are reading to your child, omit a word and ask your child to make a logical guess as to what the word could be. This is a strategy that readers often use.

We continue to work on informational writing. We are writing how-to directions with a focus on drawing pictures sequentially and writing about the sequence with transition words such as first, next, then, second... To practice at home, pick up common everyday activities such as getting dressed, setting the table, or getting ready for bed.

#### **Math**

We are working on subtraction using the vocabulary take away, subtract, minus, and equals. We are using manipulatives and pictures to practice subtraction.

#### **Social Studies**

We are working on our calendar focusing on the sequence of yesterday, today, and tomorrow. We are working on identifying the current day and the date to match.

### **School News**

The Science Expo is coming up next Friday, 2/17, from 5-7 p.m. Please come and see some things that your student is doing during Makerspace time in science. Your whole family can participate! More details are attached to the newsletter.

Next week (Feb 12-19) is the Oregon Humane Society (OHS) Service Project led by 7<sup>th</sup> grader Lily Ragan. Lily will be collecting funds and supplies for the dogs and cats living at OHS, with the goal of raising at least \$800 and over 100 items. The support of the Cathedral community for the last three years was so fantastic that she is still increasing her goals from last year! There will be bins at the front and side doors for donation items. Monetary donations should be left in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade box by the front office; checks should be written to Oregon Humane Society.

All donations collected will be remitted to the OHS. A list of suggested donations is attached to this email.

**Upcoming Events**

2/14- Valentine's Day party

2/15- Mass

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