

January 20, 2017

Dear Pre-K Families,

Welcome back again! Since we have not had many school days in this new year there is not a great deal of classroom news and learning to share. We hope to change that in the coming weeks.

Today we kicked off the coin drive at the all school assembly. Your kids did an amazing job as public speakers and presenters! We hope we can meet our goal of \$500. Thank you for helping your kids be active participants in our project.

Blessings,  
Mrs. Mannenbach

### **Classroom News**

We have been learning about what can we do in our community. We have focused on the concept words of: gym, mall, movie theater, restaurant, supermarket, and zoo. Our amazing (new) words for the week were: delicious, dough, stir, lovely, sip, and ingredient

This week we focused on the stories: **The Little Red Hen (Makes a Pizza)** and **A Trip to the Supermarket.**

We reviewed the letters and sounds for Mm, Oo, Bb, Ee, Tt, Ss, Ii, Jj, Pp, Dd, and Kk . Our new letters this week were Cc, and Ff.

In math we review the solid figures rectangular prism, sphere and cone. This week we learned about the figures cone and cube. See if you can find some around the house.

In Social Studies we learned about the great American leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Ask your child what he fought for and how did he treat others.

Our Religion lesson this week focused on how we can take care of God's creation. We found some ways we can do that here at school. See how you do that at home or in the community.

Congratulations to our Honored Cougar, Renata. Great job to all of our little Cougars!

### **Snack Reminder:**

Mon. – Owen T. (trade)

Tues.- Max

Wed.- D.Q. (trade)

Thurs.- Sadie

Fri.- Zdenek (trade)

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

#### **Religion**

- God Always Loves Us
- Serving others through our coin drive

#### **Language Arts**

- We will begin our new unit #4 FarmsOur focus topics will be: What communities do we live in? / What is a farm?
- Phonological awareness skills: identifying rhymes, listening for beginning sounds and recognizing letters.

### **Math**

- Continue naming and identifying solid figures
- Counting and making 5

### **Science/Social Studies**

- Changing land
- Is it wool or cotton
- Identifying animal difference
- Identify foods from farms

### **School News**

- Pre-K Spotlight on Service Coin Drive January 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>

### **Upcoming Events**

- Special Friend's Breakfast and Mass Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup>

### **Catholic Schools Week**

Our annual celebration of Catholic schools, National Catholic Schools Week, will take place January 29th to February 3rd, 2017. To kick off the week, we will hold a special Mass on Sunday, January 29th, at 9:00 am. All students are invited to participate in the Mass as greeters, readers, ushers, to carry the gifts, or join the procession. If you will be attending this Mass and your children would like to participate, please go to <https://goo.gl/forms/MIj4qopSrYeHR2dH3> to complete the online form.