

Pre-Kindergarten News May 12th, 2017

Dear Pre-K Families,

We hope that each of our amazing Pre-K moms have a Happy Mother's Day Weekend. You are wonderful parents raising beautiful children. Thank you for sharing them with us each day.

Ms. Murphy and I would like to thank you for all of the delicious treats, cards, flowers, lunch and special remembrances during Teacher Appreciation Week. It has been a lovely week for us thanks to our great families. We appreciate you!

Blessings,

Mrs. Mannenbach

Classroom News

This week we enjoyed learning about reflections. We focused on the concept words of: dull, glass, mirror, reflection, shiny, and smooth.

Our amazing (new) words for the week were: glide, stare, sturdy, chill, scatter, and silently. Our focus stories were: **Raccoon on His Own** and **What Do I See**. Our phonological focus will continue to be breaking sounds apart in words and then blending them again. The kids are working on sounding out words to spell. This week we listened and looked for words and things with the sounds of O and I in the blend.

In Math we reviewed common shapes, and identified rhombuses. We moved shapes to see if they were still the same shape.

In Science/ Social Studies we looked for reflections. In Science we used sources of light in the dark and watched changes using mirrors, transparent color pieces, prisms and flashlights. It was a wonderful discovery time!

Our Second Step lessons continued to focus on emotion management and problem solving using the calm down strategies.

In Religion we will continue for the month of May to honor and pray to Mary. This week we shared all of the wonderful things our moms do for us.

Some interesting questions to ask your child about the week are:
Where can you see reflections? Where did you have Science this week? What do all insects have in common? Would you sing a song you have learned in Music?

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

Snack Reminder:

Mon. – Gavin

Tues.- Zdenek

Wed.- Gigi

Thurs.- Sadie (trade)

Fri.- Renata

Curriculum Focus for Next Week

Religion

We continue to honor Mary

Language Arts

Blending phonemes

Recognize letter names and their sound

Isolating letter sounds

Rhyming words

Journal writing and illustrating

Math

Making shapes

Breaking shapes apart

Science/Social Studies

Comparing reflections and shadows

Common features in the environment

Understanding the difference between wants and needs

School News

May 15-26 Mac Attack Macaroni & Cheese Drive for the Portland Police Sunshine Division

Friday May 26 11:30 dismissal for Teacher Professional Development (Extended Care available)

Friday June 2nd, PBS Assembly and Free Dress

Upcoming Events

Second and sixth grades will host May's spotlight on service. The Mac Attack service project provides boxed macaroni and cheese to the Portland Sunshine Division. This two-week service project will begin on May 15th and end on May 26th. This was started at St. John Fisher several years ago and has become a competition between St. John Fisher, ourselves and a few other west side schools. Please help us with this battle against hunger by bringing in boxes of Mac and Cheese to your child's classroom starting May 15th.

Tuesday, May 16th, Pizzicato Pizza at 505 NW 23rd, Dough For Dollars

Thursday, June 8th Speech Festival Afternoon (time will be sent later)