

Pre-Kindergarten News May 5th, 2017

Dear Pre-K Families,

I would like to extend a very special thank you to each of you who helped prepare for the Art Show. It was an outstanding display of the kid's art. Thank you to all of our Pre-K parents and friends who took time to support this event.

We enjoyed the May Crowning with our school community. The kids were so proud carrying their flowers to the altar. There was an added bonus for Pre-K. I looked up as we knelt and found many of my students finding shadows under the pews and making them move. I had a smile most of the Mass. I am quite sure our Mother Mary had one too.

Blessings,

Mrs. Mannenbach

Classroom News

This week we enjoyed learning about what makes shadows change. We focused on the concept words of: close, follow, long, move, noon, and short. Our amazing (new) words for the week were: annoy, ground, scare, cast, deep, and wide. Our focus stories were: **Moonbear's Shadow** and **Along for the Ride**

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 long o.

In Math we reviewed common shapes, and named rhombuses.

In Science/ Social Studies we tracked the movement of the sun. We looked at how shadows change, and what causes the changes.

Our Second Step lessons centered around more ways to manage strong feeling and practiced the calm down strategies.

In Religion we honored Mary and learned she loves and cares for us just like our moms do.

Some interesting questions to ask your child about the week are: What makes a shadow change? What annoyed Little Bear? Can you think of a word with the long o sound? What time of day is your shadow under you? What did April Showers bring?

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

Snack Reminder:

Mon. – Spencer

Tues.- Owen D.

Wed.- Michael

Thurs.- Ellie

Fri.- Julia

Curriculum Focus for Next Week**Religion**

We continue to honor Mary

Identify people and things we thank God for

Language Arts

Blending phonemes

Recognize letter names and their sound

Isolating letter sounds

Rhyming words

Journal writing and illustrating

Math

Moving shapes

Science/Social Studies

Reflections

Position of objects

Dealing with not getting what we want

School News

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

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

Upcoming Events

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

Speech Festival

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.

Please see the attached documents in the school newsletter for more information as well as the sign up form. The sign up form and a copy of the speech selection should be sent to the classroom by May 12th. Thank you!