

Kindergarten News

Classroom News

Happy New Year! I hope you have had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Thank you for brightening my Christmas with your warm wishes! I cannot wait to enjoy a night out to Blue Hour- thank you so very much.

Curriculum Focus for Next Week

Religion

In religion, we are kicking off the character trait of the month- respect. We are identifying what this looks like with others in and outside of the classroom. We will highlight the concept of respect when we learn about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Language Arts

We are working on comparing and contrasting while we read. We have been emphasizing that good readers think while reading. We are thinking about things that are different and alike in books.

In writing, we have been focusing on lower case letter formation. This is a great thing to practice at home. Your student is working towards applying lower case letter formation within Writers' Workshop. We are also writing sentences that include a capital at the beginning, spaces between words, and punctuation at the end.

Math

In math, we are working on counting to 100 and filling in a 100 chart with missing numbers. We will discover the patterns on a 100 chart that make this easier. We will also count by 5's and 10's to 100.

A tricky concept that we have been tackling is counting backwards from any number between 11 and 20. This is great to practice at home, in the car, and anytime you need a little distraction!

Social Studies

We are embarking on a unit all about maps. We will look at many different types of maps as well as learn about map keys. The students will have artwork to compliment our study of maps.

School News

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, gift bearers, 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.

During Catholic Schools week there are special events each day. One to highlight for planning purposes is Special Friends' Breakfast on Wednesday, February 1st. Students are invited to bring one adult friend to enjoy breakfast in the cafeteria, tour the school and classroom, and go to Mass. The morning starts at 7:50 and ends at 9:20. Mass is at 9:30. Sometimes, special friends stay until Mass is done; sometimes they just come for breakfast. The breakfast schedule is: 7:50- 8:20 students with last names from H-M; 8:20- 8:50 students with last names from N-Z; 8:50- 9:20 students with last names A-G.

Upcoming Events

1/11- POW

1/13- Martin Luther King, Jr. Assembly

1/16- No School, MLK, Jr. Day

1/18- Mass

1/25- POW

1/27- PBS Assembly, ½ day

1/29- 2/3- Catholic Schools Week