



KINDER NEWS

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Religion

In religion this week, we read and discussed the bible story, Noah's Ark. The kindergartners have enjoyed the story and we've learned from Noah to follow God faithfully and trust in what He asks of us. Check out our ark next time you visit our classroom. We hope to see you at our Catholic School's Week Open House on Sunday from 12:15 – 2:00.

Looking ahead to Catholic School's Week, our homework next week will be related to being Catholic. Your child will be asked to bring a picture, image, or drawing of someone they think is a great catholic. This could be a friend, relative, or someone better known in our church. We will be having some discussions at school, but encourage you to talk about it at home as well. Students will get to share their "great catholic" with their class on Wednesday. We will also display the pictures in our room.

Reading

We've been reading and talking about the story The Mitten by Jan Brett. It's a wonderful story about a little boy who loses

his mitten and it becomes a home to many forest animals that needed to warm up.

We have been working on lots of comprehension activities to go along with The Mitten. The students made their own “snow, white mitten” like the characters in the story and even made animals to put inside of it. Ask your child to retell the story at home using these things!

Math

We finished our unit on money this week and took a Chapter test covering both measurement and money. Look for this to come home with your child and a note attached explaining the skills covered.

Next week, we will focus on 100 day activities and start addition.

Science

This week we have been learning about animals. This week we learned that animals belong to animal families (reptiles, birds, insects, fish and mammals). We acted out different animals and tried guessing which family the animal belonged to. We also played a game with animal riddles. We will be learning how animals grow and move next week.

100th Day of school

We will celebrate our 100th day of school very soon! As of today, it is day 96, so we will be celebrating it on Feb. 2nd! The kindergarteners will participate in many 100th Day activities. Have your child start thinking of what is in your house that they can count to 100 (Q-Tips, Crayons, pennies, legos, etc).

We are asking them to bring 100 pieces of something from home on 100's Day to display in the classroom so the students can see what 100 looks like in all shapes and sizes!

AUTHOR VISIT

Next week we are excited to have author, Kenn Nesbitt, visiting St. Francis! We will be reading some of his silly books and poetry to prepare for his visit on Thursday. We are looking for a few parent volunteers to assist during the book-signing portion, around 1:30. If you are interested, please contact Liz Bedia at lizbedia@gmail.com.

Looking Ahead

Next week's homework will be to have your child make a valentine box. Please keep it at home until the 14th, as storage space is limited in the classroom! If you would like to start this project, be sure to put your child's name on the box and the slit at the top should be big enough for the Valentines. Your child is also encouraged to bring valentines and PLEASE ADDRESS THEM TO INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS. On Tuesday, we will send a note with more details and a Class list so your child can personally address them.

Extra Clothes

It has been very wet out at recess this week. If you haven't already, please send an extra set of clothes for your child to put in his/her locker. This works great to change into when pants are wet and uncomfortable!

Have a great weekend!

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