

## Kinder News



February 3, 2012

### Religion

This week was Catholic School Week! We enjoyed seeing many families at our open house last Sunday and we hope you learned a little bit more about our day in kindergarten. We learned what makes our school special and the blessing of a faith based education.

**THANK YOU PARENTS!**

### Reading

Wow! What a great week it was reading many of the poems and books written by Kenn Nesbitt. The students made a bear to go along with the funny book MORE BEARS! We also read the *Big Lunch* and created our very own alphabet soup. The students were eating skyscrapers, the universe and so much more.

It was very exciting to meet Kenn Nesbitt on Thursday. He shared some of his writing and also gave the students tips on how to write poetry. He used *Row Row Row your Boat* to show how they can take something they know and change it. An example was *Row, Row, Row your boat in the water foundation, this will be easier than rowing it down a mountain.* Meeting an author who has had work published is great for us to help the students continue to be writers in Writer's Workshop.

Next week we will be doing many assessments that will be shared at conferences. Please practice word wall words at home with your child this weekend.

## **MATH**

The highlight of our week was definitely the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school on Thursday. We celebrated our 100<sup>th</sup> day with plenty of fun activities. The kindergartners took the 3 digit number 100 and found fun ways to turn it a masterpiece. You will see rocket ships, flowers, ice cream cones, and so much more made out of 100! We also made very tasty necklaces using 100 fruit loops and enjoyed looking at our 100 items from home. Thanks so much for assisting your child.

## **Science**

We learned about how animals grow and move this week. Just like us, they start as babies and slowly grow into adults. Animals can move by leaping, flying, running, or swimming. We came up with great examples! As we wrap up this unit, we will look at how animals feel and eat. We hope your children are sharing lots of information with you at home.

## **Reminder:**

Next week's homework will be to have your child make a valentine box to school on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Please keep it at home until the 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 welcome to bring valentines. A class list will come home on Tuesday so that students can individually address the valentines.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

Volunteers are needed on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> to assist with loading and unloading and set-up in preparation for the performance and workshops of Iowa Opera's "Sid the Snake Who Wanted To Sing". We will need eight to ten volunteers to unload around 12:15-12:45 and to load at the end of the day at 3:15. The performance is for grades K-3 and the workshops are for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

Please contact Mrs. Randall at [lrandall@saintfrancisschool.org](mailto:lrandall@saintfrancisschool.org) or Liz Bedia at [lizbedia@gmail.com](mailto:lizbedia@gmail.com) if you would like to help at either or both times.

Our school was challenged by Mrs. Hade to a door decorating contest during Catholic Schools Week.

Because we all worked so hard on our doors, we  
were rewarded with a  
**FREE JEANS DAY**  
on Monday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>!

Have a great weekend!

Mrs. Morris  
Mrs. Crandell  
Mrs. Howard