

CLASSROOM NEWS

WEEK OF SEPT 30, 2024

NEWS & Upcoming

Field Trip—We have a field trip planned to Neltner's Farm on Wednesday, October 9. We will be meeting at the farm at 9:00am. At the end of the field trip we will have lunch until 12:00 noon. At that time the students will need to be brought back to St. Pat's for the rest of the school day. Please be sure to pack a lunch and drink. Remember to send in your child's permission form.

Math Facts—Please practice addition and subtraction facts with your child. Short practice times several days a week would be beneficial. You can use the triangular flash cards I provided or practice math fluency in other ways. Pinterest has a lot of great ideas.

Jesus Day Retreat—The second graders will have their Jesus Day retreat on Saturday, October 12 from 9-12 noon. The teachers have worked hard at preparing a spiritual enriching morning for you and your child in preparation for their First Reconciliation. It is highly recommended that your child attends. One parent must accompany your child to the retreat.

All Saint's Day Party—Instead of a Halloween party, we will be having an All Saint's Day party on Oct 31 from 9:45-11. Please talk with your child to discern their interest in a particular saint. We are all encouraged to dress up like our favorite saints. Please don't go to major lengths to create a costume. Keep it simple and easy. The students will be bringing home a paper to fill out with facts on their chosen saint. This needs to be completed at home.

Homework

A few things worth mentioning...

No pen please—Please encourage your child to complete their homework in pencil only.

10 minutes of reading—The kids are required to read for 10 minutes nightly. This will not be written in the assignment notebook, however it is expected that your child completes their reading. Please remember to complete your child's reading log as well.

Assignment Notebook—Please sign your child's notebook nightly. This is a way for you and I to communicate you are aware of your child's homework and you have seen your child's behavior color for the day.

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What We are

Learning

Religion—We will be discussing the Holy Trinity and how prayer is our way to talk to God. We will also be reflecting on the lives of a few saints including, St. Michael the Archangel, St. Francis, and St. Therese of Lisieux. Please send in a picture of a loved one who is close to your child.. This person could be alive and well or someone who has passed. We will be using this picture during our religion class this week and next. If it is easier, you could email me the picture and I can print it out at school.

Math—Last week the kids did a great job with their center activities while I alternately worked with the different grades on their math lessons. The students watched a Veggie Tales video and had an ice cream treat as a reward for their hard and focused work on centers. This week the 3rd graders will be working on estimation, partial sums, and regrouping. The 2nd graders will be working on subtraction.

Reading— We are reading the story The Ugly Vegetables. We will analyze the author's purpose and practice drawing conclusions within the text. Our corresponding grammar lessons will be focused on different types of proper nouns.

Phonics & Spelling— The kids are doing very well with the Saxon phonics program. They will continue to have spelling words, which you can find glued into your child's assignment notebook. Please continue to review your child's vocabulary words with them. I have put together individualized sight word decks that the children are studying at school. Please continue to have your child read and spell the listed sight words in your child's binder. This week we will be working on digraph ch, voiced s, combination er & ir.

