

A Message from the Principal...Mrs. Bland

2012-2013 Registration - Registration for next year is now underway. Registration forms were sent home this past Tuesday. Please turn them in as soon as you can.

8th Grade Night – The 8th Grade girls and boys basketball players will be recognized this Friday, February 10 at the home games.

No School – Friday, February 17 teachers will be attending a Teachers' Institute, the students will have a day off. Monday, February 20 students will also be off to celebrate President's Day.

Garage Sale – If you have any items to donate to the garage sale, you can bring them to the gym this Sunday from 4:00-8:00pm. Volunteers are still needed to work the sale. The garage sale will be held Thursday, February 16 from 5:00-8:00, Friday, February 17 from 9:00am-4:00pm and Saturday, February 18 from 9:00-12:00.

Daddy/Daughter Date Night – Thank you Megan DesRochers and Meghan Egizio for a fun time at the Daddy/Daughter Date Night. The girls came dressed up and ready to dance. They really had a great time. Congratulations to Alyssa Johnston for winning the American Girl doll.

Alumni's 4th Annual Blues Breaker Bowling – The 4th annual Blues Breaker Bowling is this Saturday, February 11 at the Riverfront Lanes in Wilmington from 7:30 –11:00pm. The cost is \$25.00 per person which will include pizza, pop, shoe rental and bowling. Come to a fun evening with your family and friends. Tickets are available by calling Lisa Pitts at 476-6707 or Mrs. Bland at 476-6220. This is St. Rose's Alumni annual fundraiser. If anyone is interested in donating or would like to help out the Alumni Association, please feel free to call Lisa at 815-476-6707.

7/8 service project – **The 7th/8th graders** are collecting prizes for BINGO for the nursing home. Items may include: wrapped rice krispy treats or like products, individual chip bags, jewelry (no pins), hand lotion, after shave (trial/travel size), cards, quarters or other items you might think appropriate. Bags for items are in each classroom. The final collection is Feb. 15.

Dates to Remember

- February 10 Preschool - Walking field trip to The Wilmington Public Library
1st Grade Walking field Trip to Library 10:20 to 11:15
8th GRADE NIGHT
6th Grade Basketball Game @ Home – 6:00
Girls Basketball Game @ Home – 7:00
8th Grade Basketball Game @ Home – 8:00
- February 11 6th Grade Basketball Game @ Home – 10:00am
Girls Basketball Game @ Home – 11:00am
8th Grade Basketball Game @ Home – Noon
Alumni Bowling – 7:30-11:00pm
- February 12 Garage Sale Drop-off 6:00pm-8:00pm
- February 13 Garage Sale Set-up 8:00-2:00pm
6th Grade Basketball Game @ St. Charles Borromeo (St. Andrews) – 6:00
Girls Basketball Game @ St. Charles Borromeo (St. Andrews) – 7:00
8th Grade Basketball Game @ St. Charles Borromeo (St. Andrews) – 8:00
- February 14 Garage Sale Set-up
Valentine's Parties
- February 15 Mass prepared by 3RD/4TH Grade – 8:10am
Garage Sale Set-up
- February 16 Athletic Meeting @ 6:00-7:00pm
Garage Sale 5:00-8:00pm
- February 17 NO SCHOOL – Diocesan Teacher Institute
Garage Sale – 9:00=4:00pm

News from Preschool.....Miss Montgomery

This week in preschool we have learned all about the letter *Oo*. We found many *O*'s within our classroom, discussed the sound letter *O* says and practiced making the letter *O*. We also worked with the number *15*, *ovals* and the color *brown*. We learned two new songs this week; *The Partner Dance* and *Great Big Man*. In our religion, we discussed the meaning of prayer and how God gave us our families. February is National Children's Dental Health Month. The students and I have discussed the importance of keeping our teeth healthy. We also discussed ways in which we can keep our teeth healthy. Next week's discussions will focus on the letter *Pp*, number *16*, color *pink* and *hearts*. Please remember to send your child to school with hats and gloves. With our Valentine's Day Parties next week, students may bring in Valentines for their friends. If you are sending in Valentines please leave the *To:* blank. The children will pass out their own Valentines to their friends. This will make the process go a little smoother. Every student is decorating a brown paper bag to put all their Valentines in. Also every student has been helping make a special gift which will be auctioned off at the 6th Annual Parish Auction & Dinner Dance. There are two different gifts which represents our M/W/F class and our T/Th class. Please come and support our school!

A few reminders:

*Next walking field trip to The Wilmington Public Library is this Friday, February 10th if weather permits.

*Valentine's Day party dates: Monday, February 13th and Tuesday, February 14th. Both parties are from 10:00-11:00

News from Kindergarten.....Mrs. Jackson

I really enjoyed being treated to a wonderful luncheon during Catholic Schools week. Thank you to Mrs. Hobbs and her committee in providing the delicious food.

It certainly was nice to see so many families during our Prayer Service and Open House last week. Thank you, parents for helping your child practice his/her readings for our Prayer Service.

Math

Students took the addition math test last week and did a wonderful job. Currently, students are learning about subtraction. Students will be tested next week on numbers 1-50.

Science/Social Studies

Recently, students performed an experiment to find out if certain items such as: feather, block, spoon, marble, lego, pencil, ball of paper, domino, paper clip, plastic bottle, and magnetic letter would sink or float. Some students were surprised at the results. They sure had a fun time doing this activity.

We learned about groundhogs and shadows on Groundhog's Day. I was very disappointed Mr. Groundhog saw his shadow. The students were thrilled.

Our future topics will include: Dental Health, Nutrition, and President's Day.

Religion

Students are discovering the Bible is God's special storybook and that Jesus told stories to reveal God's love. Students are also recognizing that they listen to stories of God's love at Mass. I will be testing students next week on the Hail Mary. Please help your child practice this prayer. Thank you.

Reading/Language Arts

Students are working very hard in this subject area. They are learning many different word families, short and long vowels, blends, syllable counting, compound words, new sight words and learning about the setting and plot of a story. Students write daily and are trying their best to phonetically spell the words they want to write. I love listening to the students sound out each letter in the word they are trying to spell. I am proud of how far my students have come in their abilities since the beginning of the year. They tell me all the time how much smarter they feel each day. Please continue to listen to your child read every day. Also, have your child practice his/her sight words daily.

As a side note -

It is important to help your child learn his/her phone number and address. Thank you.

Students need to wear hats and gloves when outside for recess. Please provide these items for your child every day.

Reminders

February 14th @ 1:30 Valentine's Day party

News from First Grade.....Mrs. Vimpeny

For this week during Religion, we are completing the Safe Environment lessons. So far we have learned about safe and some unsafe touches and how to respond to them. I will probably assign parts for our February 29th mass next week.

We started book five in Reading. Our targeted reading skill is predicting what will happen based on what we have read and what we know from our own lives. We also reviewed plot (beginning, middle, end). In Phonics and Spelling, we have learned that "ea" usually has the long e sound. We're also adding -ed to the ends of verbs and sometimes we have to double the final consonant before adding -ed. In Language Arts, we are learning about adjectives: words that describe nouns. We will use adjectives to make our writing more clear and interesting.

We took our Unit 12 Math test today. Next, we start learning about money. It will be helpful if you could practice counting with money at home.

We finished our chapter on landforms, water, erosion in Science. We will take our test next week. In Social Studies, we read about different places that people might work and how sneakers are made in a factory.

For Art on Monday, the class learned how to weave paper hearts. Next Monday, we will create hearts that look like stained glass windows.

Some reminders:

We will walk to the library on Friday if the weather permits. Miss Nikeda cannot be there, so we will only check out books. Mrs. O'Donnell and Mrs. Sundine will chaperon.

We need names and addresses for two more Flat Stanleys. After we receive them, the class will write letters to the recipients.

The 7th/8th grades are conducting a service project of collecting prizes for Bingo at the nursing home. Suggestions: individual size packages of Rice Krispie treats, cookies, quarters, travel size after shave, cards, etc. Please send something in ASAP!

Don't forget that the school is still recycling plastic bottles and cans with UPC codes on them. Also remember about recycling newspaper, magazines, and junk mail in the bins across the street.

School registration for the 2012-2013 school year is underway. Remember to send in your form.

February book orders are due on Friday, February 17. Order online and the class can earn free books.

Our Valentine party next Tuesday will be held from 12:15-1:05. If you signed up to bring something for the party, please send it in the morning or bring it by 12:15 on Tuesday.

Have a great week!

News from Third Grade.....Mrs. Girot

We continue with our Student of the Week activities. Natalie VanDuyne was our student last week. She created a terrific bulletin board of photos of her and her family. My favorite picture was her First Communion photo! Jack Narine is Student of the Week this week. I especially loved the photo of Jack swimming with a dolphin!

Religion: The third and fourth graders have moved quickly through Chapter 7. It focused on the many ways Jesus teaches us how to love and care for others.

Next week, the third and fourth graders are responsible for planning the Mass on Feb. 15th. Check with your child to see if they have a job for the Mass. Readers need to practice their parts at home.

Penmanship: More and more of the students' class work will be required to be completed in cursive. Encourage your student to work neatly.

Reading: Last week, we read Sam and the Lucky Money. In this story, a young boy learns to be happy with what he has after he meets a man who has nothing. The boy also learns about the joy that comes from helping others in need. We focused on identifying the settings of stories as well as listing character traits of main characters.

This week, we are reading Thunder Cake. The grandmother in the story bakes a cake with her granddaughter to take her mind off of the scary thunderstorm that is coming. This was the perfect story to review cause and effect.

Spelling/English: This week's spelling word list contains words with the sounds that we hear in moon and boy. Next week, we will have a word list of contractions.

We continue to work with verbs in English. We will take our Unit 5 Test next week.

Math: We are continuing to learn and practice new multiplication facts. We have learned the properties of Multiplication. We will begin to take our fact timings on Multiplication facts soon. Practice those flash cards at home. We took our Topic 6 Test this morning, and will move into a short unit on perimeter and area next week.

Science: Our Chapter Test over the Sun, Moon, and Earth will be on Friday. The students have really enjoyed this chapter and knew a lot about our Solar System already.

Valentine's Day: We will celebrate Valentine's Day on Tuesday, February 14th. Parents are welcome to attend. We will begin our party at approximately 11:00. Students will pass out their Valentines to each other and play a game if time allows. The children will make their own ice cream sundaes for a Valentine's Day treat. We will save that activity until after recess and lunch. Sundaes will be served from 1:00 to 1:30. A big thank you to all of the parents sending in the items we need to celebrate our party!

Just a reminder:

*Please check planners and folders each night.

*Continue to encourage your child to read for at least 15 minutes each night.

*Please send in items for the Nursing Home Bingo Prizes Collection. Small items like lotions, candy bars, decks of cards, quarters, individually packaged treats, etc. are all welcome! They are due by Feb. 15th.

Reading: The skill lesson for this week is on text structure. Students learned that a person's writing is often written in chronological order. The story for this week was Lou Gehrig. As a class, we made a timeline of Lou Gehrig's life from the information provided in the story. Please make sure your child is rereading the story read in class every Tuesday night. A lot of students admit they are not reading the assignment and the scores on some of the selection test reflect that. Book-it calendars went home this week. The students will be required to do a book report this month again. The form will be coming home in the Friday Folders.

Spelling: The spelling words this week focus on easily confused words. Worksheets were assigned to practice spelling the words correctly. Review games were played in class as well.

English: This week has been a review for the students. We have been working with contractions. Last weeks spelling words were contractions so the students are doing a great job. Also, we have been working on speaking and listening techniques. For example, how to effectively ask/answer questions on an interview.

Math: In math we have been working on multiplying 2 digit numbers by 2 digit numbers. At first the students were a little apprehensive, but they are starting to catch on. These problems involve multiplication and addition. There is a lot of room for error. Please remind your child to go slow, take their time, and recheck their work! For the most part the students understand the concept and steps to solve the problem, but they are making simple mistakes that cause them to get the problem wrong. Overall, they are doing much better on their assignments.

Science: In science we are working with circuits. Students assembled their own circuits using a battery, light bulb, and wire. They successfully made an open and closed circuit. Then, they tested out objects to find out if they were insulators or conductors. The class is having a lot of fun getting to see first hand what they're reading in the book!

Social Studies: We finished up our chapter on urban areas. We have been reviewing this week and the test will be tomorrow. Our next chapter is on community and state government. In honor of President's Day the students are to complete a project at home that they will present to the class on the 21st of February. The details to this assignment went home this week. Each child is to pick a president, read/research about him, and then create a book box.

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