

**A Message from the Principal...Mrs. Bland**

This is the last newsletter for the year. Thank you for sharing your children with me this past year; it is an honor to be part of their lives and development.

This week has been busy and exciting as we prepared to end this school year. Many people have worked hard to help us prepare for a fun and exciting end of the year.

Mrs. Fletcher's Preschoolers made their parents proud Tuesday night with an entertaining program in the church. The four year olds are very happy to be on their way to Kindergarten.

Yesterday, the students were able to take a break from cleaning their desks and lockers to watch a play performed by Mrs. Vimpeny's 1<sup>st</sup> grade and Miss Allmon's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. We certainly enjoyed "Stone Soup."

Today, our last day, began with mass prepared by the 7<sup>th</sup> graders. The entire school enjoyed being entertained by Raisin Rhyme. We ended the day with games, pizza, and an assembly by Mrs. Eaker for the Preschool -1<sup>st</sup> graders while the 2<sup>nd</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> graders enjoyed going to the Channahon Roller Rink. I want to thank everyone who helped make this day fun possible.

Students who earned Great America tickets this year received them today.

Enjoy your summer with your families. If you are traveling enjoy and be safe.

I will see you in August.

God bless you.

*Linda Bland*

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

August 4      Registration Day  
9:00 – Noon  
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm  
5:00pm – 7:00pm

**Summer Hours**

Month of June  
Monday-Thursday  
9:00am -Noon

Month of July  
Office Open July 1<sup>st</sup>  
9:00-Noon

## **News from Preschool.....Mrs. Fletcher**

The preschoolers did such a great job in their program on Tuesday evening. You all must be so proud of your kids!!! A copy of the slide show was placed in your child's folder on Wednesday or Thursday.

We have had a busy week practicing for the program and finishing up all of our last projects and work. We also enjoyed a skit performed by the 3rd and 4th grade class of "The True Story of the Three Little Pigs" on Wednesday afternoon and also enjoyed the 1st and 2nd grade play on Thursday afternoon.

If anyone would like a little extra company this summer we are looking for someone to care for Blackey, our class guinea pig over the summer. If you are interested just e-mail me or let Mrs. VanDuyne know and we will arrange a time for you to pick up him as well as and his food, cage etc. He makes a great short term pet!!!

Report cards/progress reports will be coming home with your student on Thursday or Friday of this week. Please just e-mail me if you have any questions or concerns. They have all done a fantastic job this year!!!

I would like to thank all of you for the beautiful plant and especially for allowing me to be such a special part of your children's lives these past two years. I wish all of you well and will think of you often!!

Have a wonderful summer with your families!!! (Of course, don't forget to keep brushing up on all those concepts and skills too!!)

## **News from Kindergarten.....Mrs. Jackson**

Dear Parents,

I have been blessed to have taught such a terrific group of children. They all have done such a wonderful job in kindergarten. I will miss them very much. Please make sure your child continues to read and write over the summer. Tuesday I sent home a letter about the Scholastic Summer Reading. I hope you can help your child take advantage of such a wonderful program through Scholastic.

Thank you for all your support this year. I hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer vacation.

## **News from First Grade.....Mrs. Vimpeny**

I can hardly believe that the school year is over! First grade went by so fast. It always amazes me to witness the growth in my students' skills by the end of the year.

I encourage you to work with your child over the summer on skills learned this year. Your child was given Topic 20 in Math. It teaches about 2 digit addition and subtraction. I gave the class a very quick preview on the topic. PLEASE continue to practice math facts. Having addition facts memorized prior to starting second grade will make math so much easier next fall.

I hope everyone will check out [www.scholastic.com/summer](http://www.scholastic.com/summer). Scholastic is sponsoring a Summer Reading Challenge. There is a book list and lots of fun activities for your child. I have registered all of the first graders. A letter from Scholastic and your child's password was sent home today.

Have your child keep a journal over the summer to practice writing skills. This is especially great for vacations for recording all the fun activities experienced.

We are really excited to perform our play, Stone Soup, with the second graders. We were able to practice a lot this week. We know you will enjoy it.

Thank you, parents, for all you do to help your child, our classroom, and St. Rose School.

Congratulations to my students who will move to the "other" building next August.

Have a wonderful and safe summer!

## **News from Second Grade.....Miss Allmon**

We have had a fun and busy past couple weeks. Last Monday, we took a field trip to Blackberry Farms. It was interesting to see how things were done long ago. We have been practicing with the first graders for our play, "Stone Soup-A Rock Opera", which will be performed at 1:00 and 6:00 on Thursday.

We have been very busy trying to wrap up all of the topics in every subject. In reading this week our story is Annie's Gifts. The story helps us to see how God has blessed us all with special gifts. Last week; second grade really enjoyed reenacting our story for the week, Stone Soup. We will continue to practice this week. Our focus in Spelling is on the /k/ sound spelled sch and ch. We also have been practicing using commas in our writing. I have been paying close attention to see if students' are using the commas when they need to. Also in Reading we finished unit 6 with an End of the Year skills test covering everything practiced in Reading and Language Arts. Please don't forget to practice reading and writing this summer. Children at this age need continued practice of the skills they have learned.

In Math we took our topic 17 test on place value. The second graders are taking home their math books with the topics we didn't cover. I encourage them to use these practice pages to get familiar with what might be taught in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

In Religion we just finished our chapter on the gifts the Holy Spirit has given us. We learned about St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Catherine of Siena and how they used their spiritual gifts to help others. This week we learn how we can work for peace and justice.

Once again I would like to thank you for all of the support and help you have given me this year. I have truly enjoyed having the opportunity to teach your child in class. They are great students with bright futures ahead of them. I will miss them dearly! Even though your child is leaving my classroom, my door will continue to always be open to you and your child. If I can help you in the future in any way, please don't hesitate to come see me or email me. Have a great summer

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

J.T. Urban celebrated his birthday this past Sunday. We wished him a very Happy Birthday! Kyle Humphries was our final Student of the Week this week. We enjoyed looking at all of his pictures.

Our third graders enjoyed our Pizza Lunch recently as our reward from the "Pennies for Patients" collection.

We also had a great day at Blackberry Farm. The students wrote stories about their day when we returned. I want to thank all of our chaperones for attending our field trip. Your time and help is always appreciated!

**Religion:** After finishing up Chapter 15 in our text books, we turned our attention to Our Lady of Fatima. We spent some time learning all about Our Lady of Knock around May Crowning time. The children seemed interested by it, so we turned our attention to other apparitions of Mary. We watched the movie that was made about the events in 1917 in Fatima, Portugal. I think the students enjoyed the movie very much.

**Reading:** We finished up our Reading activities with a story called Two Bad Ants. It was a great story to use for teaching point of view. The story is told from the point of view of the ants that are looking for tasty crystals to eat. We found out the crystals were sugar!

**Math:** In Math, the students have been identifying different patterns by shapes, letters, and numbers. We are also practicing multiplying 2 and 3 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers. The students will be bringing home the multiplication flash cards we used in class. Encourage them to practice those facts over the summer to keep their skills sharp.

Finally, I want to thank everyone for all of the support and kindness that you shared with me over the school year. It was a pleasure to be here at St. Rose and I'm already looking forward to next year!

## News from Fourth Grade.....Mrs. Sondag

It has been a wonderful four years at St Rose, and as the final days close in on us, I am reminded of all the great times I have had here. The wonderful students, families, and staff. Thank you for all the wonderful memories, kind words, good times, support and gifts throughout the years. I hope to run into you all off and on. You will be in my thoughts and prayers always. I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to work at St Rose and get to know all of you.

And to my students, past and present, you are all the best kids! Be yourselves, follow your dreams and never give up. I will miss all of you!

Take Care and God Bless  
Ms. Sondag

## News from Fifth Grade.....Mrs. Viano

So the last assignment is graded, report cards are filled out, lockers have been cleaned, books turned in, and desks washed inside and out. The walls are all empty, shelves covered with newsprint, and computers wrapped in plastic.

Looks like summer is finally on its way.

This class of 5<sup>th</sup> graders has made great progress this year and I have had a blast working with each one of them, remember to make them read every day and enter their minutes into the Scholastic site over the summer. Having them write lists and notes of what you see on vacation would also keep their skills sharp.

Have a great summer, find some new adventures and revisit some old favorite sites, I know I plan to.  
See you in August.

### **News from Sixth Grade.....Mrs. Plese**

It is difficult to believe that it is an end to another school year. The school year really flew by this year! It is at this time of the year that I reflect on how blessed I am to be a part of Saint Rose School. Saint Rose School is blessed with the best students, the most dedicated teachers and the strongest parental support group. Together, the teachers, students and parents make a wonderful team. Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of your child's life! Have a safe and happy summer break!

### **News from Seventh Grade.....Mrs. Duffy**

All classes took their final math tests this week. I have to congratulate the fifth grade class for getting all A's & B's on their last test! What an outstanding end to the school year. Please continue to work on your math facts over the summer so you are ready for next year! All final math grades are current and posted on Engrade.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing summer break. It has been a joy teaching at St. Rose this year and I'm already looking forward to next year!! God bless you all.

### **News from Eighth Grade.....Mrs. Mosier**

Another year has ended. The 6-8th grade students have a summer reading project. The students were given a hard copy of the project, and it was also sent as a message to the engrade account. The assignment is due the first week of school. Thanks to all the students who worked hard during the year. It does pay off eventually. Thanks to all of the parents who continuously share their children, time, resources and talent. Enjoy the summer! Take time as a family to attend mass, to pray together and to celebrate life. See you in August!