

A Message from the Principal...Mrs. Bland

Standardized Testing – This week all schools in the Diocese are administering the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills and its accompanying measure of cognitive skills, the Cognitive Abilities Test. We will receive the results the middle of November.

Undy Sunday – St. Rose School has supported Catholic Charities and their Undy Sunday drive annually for many years. The first graders have been working hard to sponsor this event at our school by making posters and signs for collection boxes. Donations such as socks, underwear, diapers, and pajamas will be taken until October 4.

Pet Blessing - Deacon Don will be blessing pets on Tuesday, October 4. Pets can be brought to school between 2:00 and 2:15. The blessing of the pets will begin at 2:15. There will be a short prayer service in the gym before the students go out to the parking lot to meet up with their pets for the blessing.

No School -There will be no school on October 7. Teachers will be attending a Catechetical Institute at Lewis University in Romeoville. There will be no school on October 10 which is Columbus Day. Enjoy the four day weekend with your children.

School Pictures – Tuesday, October 11 is School Picture Day. This is casual or dress-up day. Remember to wear shoes that have a back to them.

Parent/Teacher Conferences – Parent/teacher conferences have been scheduled for Thursday, October 27. Please return your request form for a conference to the office as soon as possible.

Dates to Remember

- September 29** - Speech – 2:40-3:30 (Grades 5-8)
Foundations of the Faith course tonight from 6:00pm – 8:00pm
See attached flyer
- September 30 – SOWIC Proportionate Share Meeting at 8:30 – Intermediate School
- October 3 - 6th Grade Recycle Collection Drop Off in the Morning
6th Grade Midewin Field Trip
- October 4 - Pet Blessing @ 2:15
- October 5 - Communion Service – 8:10 prepared by 7th/8th grades
Lego Club @ 2:45-3:30
2nd Grade Parent Reconciliation Meeting at 6:00pm
- October 6 - Kindergarten Library Field Trip – 1:35pm
Speech Practice – 2:40-3:30 (Grades 5-8)
- October 7 - No School – Teacher’s Institute
- October 10 - No School – Columbus Day
- October 11 - Picture Day

News from Preschool...Miss Montgomery

I am so proud of our preschool students. They are all working so hard on following directions and being a “good friend”. Here are a few things we have been working on this week. On Monday, we celebrated Johnny Appleseed Day with Kindergarten and First Grade. Our special snack for Johnny Appleseed day was Apple Crisp. We made this from crushed graham crackers, apple pie filling, and topped with whipped cream. They loved this! MWF students are doing an amazing job during Mass. They are following directions and being quiet, which can be a difficult task at this age. Keep up the hard work friends. I am proud of our T/Th students as well. They are getting all the routines/procedures down and are improving with their listening skills. We all have been working on the letter Cc, triangles, color *green* and the number *three* too. In our Religion this week, we discussed how Jesus is in our hearts and how God is all around us in everything we do. We have two favorite stories for this week; “Cros” and “Sixteen Runaway Pumpkins”. We really enjoyed sharing at show-n-tell time too and painting our Candy Corn art projects.

Next week we will be working on the letter *Dd*, color *orange*, rectangles, and the number *four*. We will all be making a pumpkin pal and listening to stories about Fall. We will also be talking about Dinosaurs all week long. During Religion, we will talk about how Jesus wants us to grow.

A few reminders:

Undy Sunday ends Tuesday, October 4th. Any donations of new packages of diapers, baby wipes, socks, underwear and pajamas would be greatly appreciated.

Pet Blessing is next Tuesday, October 4th at 2:15. If your child’s pet is unable to attend, you may send in a picture of their pet with them to school. Your child will be able to bring their picture with them to the Pet Blessing.

SOWIC permission slips are due on October 3rd for M-F students and October 4th for T/Th students. This is a great opportunity to learn more about your child’s development.

Have a great weekend!

Kindergarten testing is over. I was very proud of my students for paying attention and staying on task.

Monday we celebrated Johnny Appleseed's birthday with pre-school and first grade students. Students learned about Johnny Appleseed, made an apple crisp dessert, colored a picture of Johnny Appleseed, and played an apple game called "Apple, Apple Who Has the Apple?" During our celebration students wore their Johnny Appleseed hats they made earlier in the day.

Kindergartners did a fine job at Mass on Wednesday. Thank you, parents for helping your child with his/her Mass readings at home.

Math

We are currently learning about patterns. Students are recognizing, describing, duplicating, creating, predicting, and extending all kinds of patterns. We will be taking our topic test on Friday. Our next topic will be numbers zero to five.

Science/Social Studies

We just finished learning about apples and celebrating Johnny Appleseed's birthday helped end our unit. Students are currently learning about landforms and bodies of water in geography.

Religion

Our topic is about how God loves all the people he created. We also practiced at church for our first Mass. Again, students did a great job.

Reading/Language Arts

We read many different stories this week. Each student made a little booklet to go along with each story. We are practicing our letter formation and reviewing our sight words. Students are also learning to recognize beginning consonants sounds and continue to practice rhyming words.

Reminders

Pet Blessing - October 4th

Library visit - October 6th

No School - October 7th and 10th

Lego donations are still needed. If interested, please send Legos to school with your child. Thank you.

Have a nice weekend.

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

We had perfect attendance for our three days of standardized testing! Thank you so much for making sure that your child was prepared for the tests. I think some of the first graders thought the tests were fun! We ate apple slices for a special treat on test days.

On Monday, we celebrated Johnny Appleseed with a celebration that included all the students in our building. Classes were mixed up and traveled to the three classrooms for different activities. One room was apple crisp, another room played Apple, Apple, and the third room completed a cut and paste paper about Johnny Appleseed. All of the pre-k, K, and 1st grade students looked cute with their "hats" that looked like Johnny's pan!

We finished our first Skills for Growing unit. The students brought home their "Together Times." Be sure to look through it. There is great information for you, the parents, as well as some activities your child can do at home. We finished our chapter in our Religion books on celebrating mass and have started the next chapter called "God's Word Teaches Us."

Although we haven't been working in our Reading book and workbooks, we still have been learning. Each student wrote and illustrated a page for our We Went to the Library and What Did We See? book. That traveling book will be coming home shortly. We looked at the September issues of Scholastic News on our Smartboard. There were some nice videos and interactive activities to go along with the issues.

In Science, we learned how animals grow and change. We had an interactive Smartboard lesson to compare young with adult animals. In Social Studies, we learned that we are all alike and different in some ways. We also shared what makes us special.

Thank you to Mrs. Landry for walking to the library with us last Friday. Our next trip is Friday, October 14th. Let me know if you would like to join us.

Now that cooler weather is upon us, please make sure that your child has a jacket or sweatshirt for recess.

Have a nice weekend.

News from Sixth Grade/ Jr. High Science.....Mrs. Plese

The sixth grade students have been focused and working diligently on the standardized tests this week.

Next week (October 3-6) parents will have an opportunity to drop off their unwanted magazines and newspapers. The sixth grade students will be available to unload your unwanted paper when you drop off your child in the morning. Students will be at the regular student drop off point at the playground entrance off of Main Street. The students are promoting the paper recycling program for the school. Abitibi Bowater is a company that pays organizations for their unwanted newspapers, magazines and junk mail. Recycling paper also helps keep paper products out of landfills. In addition to collecting newspaper, we can also take plastic and aluminum for that recycling program. Please help our school and the environment by supporting this program.

The rescheduled Midewin Tallgrass Prairie field trip is rescheduled for Monday, October 3rd. The bus will be leaving at 12:10. All sixth grade parents are invited to join us. Students should wear spirit wear and dress for the outdoor weather.

Pet blessing will be on Tuesday, October 4th at 2:15. Parents are able to bring pets to the playground at this time for the blessing. Students may also bring in a picture of their pet or a stuffed animal for the blessing.

Information regarding reading incentive programs will be sent home. Both Pizza Hut and Monical's are offering incentive programs to encourage students to read at home.

Have a great weekend!

News from Seventh Grade/Jr. High Math.....Mrs. Duffy

5th & 6th grades have not had math this week due to testing.

7th & 8th grades began Chapter 3 of their respective texts. Seventh grade pre-algebra students will be reviewing operations with fractions and eighth grade algebra one students are mastering equations.

7th Grade News

Recycling: Thank you to the families who are bringing in recycling items for the weekly pick up. This is a year long collection, so please continue bringing in your empty pop cans and plastic bottles. Every item must have a UPC code.

Undy Sunday Collection: First grade's Undy Sunday collection is ongoing and Tuesday is the last day to bring in items. Seventh graders have not brought in anything yet to contribute to this very beneficial Catholic Charities project. If you are out and about this weekend, please remember those in need.

News from Eighth Grade/Jr. High English.....Mrs. Mosier

I'm sure you have already been made aware of testing. It has been difficult, but the kids have met the challenge.

In religion the 7/8 finished up the chapter on Baptism and will have the test on Monday.

7/8 started the lit book this week. Our first story, "To Build a Fire" is a classic by Jack London. We will read the story, watch the movie and then write a compare contrast paper for the test evaluation.

Students in 7/8th grade will have the opportunity to obtain a Monical's Pizza coupon for reading. Each student is required to read thirty minutes on each of five nights or one hundred fifty minutes a week. That is a total of six hundred minutes a month. At the end of the month, students will turn in the parental signed form sheet, and I will give them the earned coupon. This program is for three months. It is also the first time this age level has been included in a reading reward program. Understanding the importance of reading as a life skill, I think this is an excellent opportunity. Please encourage your child to make use of the program. The form is attached for you to print.