

## KINDERGARTEN NEWS!



**JANUARY 15, 2010**

WOW! WHAT A VERY BUSY WEEK! HERE ARE A FEW OF THE EXCITING THINGS WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING...

### RELIGION: We...

- Celebrated that we listen to Jesus by reviewing and discussing the story of Zacchaeus, singing "I Listen Very Carefully," and coloring our Zacchaeus picture
- Discovered that we are called to care for other people as Jesus did as we began Chapter 12, "Jesus Is My Teacher"
- Learned that Jesus taught people how much God loves them
- Described some ways that Jesus taught people about God's love

\*\*From Sunday's gospel reading, we heard the story about the miracle at the wedding in Cana where Jesus turned the water into wine after the wine had run out.\*\*

### MATH: We began Topic 8 and...

- Practiced counting, reading, and writing the numbers 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20

### LANGUAGE ARTS: We...

- Heard the stories Farfallina and Marcel, The Crayon Box that Talked, The Peace Book, The Icky Bug Alphabet Book, and Then and Now
- Finished working with the words *goose, gosling, caterpillar, butterfly, reflection, and cocoon*, and began learning our new vocabulary words *gears, headphones, webcams, handwritten, phonographs, and newspapers*
- Ended our discussion about the ways friendships can change, and began talking about various things from the past and what they are like now
- Continued working on our high-frequency word recognition along with beginning and middle sounds by identifying them in the stories *Can Melvin Scoot?*, *Little Rob*, *We Have a Gift*, *The Mop*, and *Mom the Tot*
- Continued blending sounds and substituting middle sounds to make new words
- Reviewed the letters Dd and Kk and words that begin and end with /d/ and /k/
- Continued working with the letter/sound for Ff, words that begin and end with /f/ and writing letter f
- Began working with the letter Oo, words that begin with short /o/ and have medial short /o/
- Practiced the proper way to write the letters Nn and Oo

**SCIENCE:** We...

- Viewed two cool goldfish and cricket video clips
- Learned fun facts about goldfish and crickets online i.e., that a goldfish lives in fresh water, can survive in very cold water, and sleeps with its eyes open; that a cricket is a type of insect which means it has six legs, and makes its sound by rubbing its wings together
- Helped create a Venn Diagram on the Smart Board comparing goldfish and crickets to identify their differences and similarities
- Observed some real crickets

**SOCIAL STUDIES:** This week in social studies, we...

- Completed a map of St. Pius School on the Smart Board and finished talking about what happens at school
- Talked about the people who work at St. Pius and what their jobs are, and drew a picture of one of the workers

**Notes from your teachers:**

- Please continue to have your child work on the words they have learned up to now: *I, am, the, little, to, a, have, is, see, at, we, my, like, are, look, He, for, in, it, she, and, play, with, me, can, an, and today,* and please add the words *of, you,* and *they* to your child's set of flash cards.
- **Another reminder about report cards:** Since the second quarter next Friday and report cards will be sent home the following week, I ask that you please return your child's report card by Tuesday, January 19. Thanks!
- **Just a reminder for the parents helping with the Kindergarten Senior Lunch:** The date has been rescheduled to Friday, January 29.

*Have a wonderful weekend!*



Sincerely,

~Miss O'Rourke and Miss Sullivan