

KINDERGARTEN NEWS!

APRIL 16, 2010



WHAT A WONDERFUL WEEK! HERE ARE A FEW OF THE AMAZING THINGS WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING...

RELIGION: In religion this week, we...

- Discussed how we can live as children of God by honoring the saints, praying to them, and trying to live our lives like they would
- Celebrated the saints, heard the song "Blessed Saints, Please Pray for Me," and decorated and wrote the name of our favorite saint on a cross
- Began Chapter 18, "The Holy Spirit Helps Us" and discovered that the Holy Spirit helps us live as children of God
- Heard Jesus' promise from the Holy Spirit ("The Holy Spirit will come to you. He will be your teacher and helper:" John 14:16, 26)

From today's gospel lesson, we learned how the Disciples recognize Jesus when they share a meal; how on the third Sunday of Easter we celebrate the risen Christ who is always with us; and how we too are nourished with Jesus' presence during the Eucharistic meal.

MATH: In math this week, we...

- Practiced ordering different kinds of containers by capacity
- Measured different capacities using connecting cubes
- Used a balance scale to compare the weights of various objects

LANGUAGE ARTS: In language arts this week, we...

- Heard the stories Messenger, Messenger and The Little Engine That Could
- Sang the songs "Messenger on the Road" and "On the Tracks to the Mountain"
- Finished working with the words *messenger, delivery, radios, pickup, escalator, and eyeshades* and began learning the words *engine, tracks, passenger, roundhouse, mountain, and valley*
- Finished discussing the kinds of transportation that help people do their jobs and started talking about what a train needs to get over a mountain
- Continued working on our high-frequency word recognition along with beginning, middle, and ending sounds by identifying them in the stories *Our Pup Bud, The Tank, Jan and Gus, and Jan at the Fair*
- Continued our work with initial and medial short /u/ words, practiced writing letter Uu, and words that have medial /u/
- Reviewed the final /ks/ sound spelled x

- Continued to practice segmenting words into their sound parts and learned about *word families* including *-at (bat, cat, hat, sat)*; *-ax (fax, lax, wax)*; *-in (bin, pin, tin, win)*; *-ip (chip, dip, lip, sip)*; *-op (chop, hop, mop, stop, top)*; and *-ug (bug, dug, hug, rug)*
- Continued our work with sentence writing in our journals and created flashcard word sentences

SCIENCE: This week in science, we...

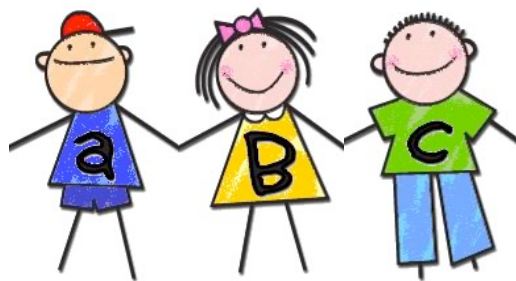
- Learned about the different tools that can be used to measure the weather like a *thermometer*, *rain gauge*, and *weather or wind vane*, had the opportunity to hold a couple of real outdoor thermometers, and viewed an interactive thermometer on the Smart Board
- Discussed how the weather changes in spring and the ways that plants and people are affected

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

- Read the book David Goes to School by David Shannon
- Compared rules from the book to rules at St. Pius School
- Talked about why we follow rules, and why it is important to have rules

Notes from your teachers:

- Please continue to have your child practice 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, today, of, you, they, that, do, one, two, three, four, five, here, go, from, on, so, up, no, said, be, will, blue, green, yellow, what, and was.* Thank you!
- Included in your child's Friday envelope is his/her report card. Please review, sign, and return it to school. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to send an e-mail or call the office to set up a time to talk.
- **Schedule Reminder:** Monday, April 19 is a Minimum Day.



Have a very pleasant weekend!

Sincerely,

~Miss O'Rourke and Miss Sullivan