

January 9, 2012

Dear Parents,

I hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas break and a chance to relax a bit. The children seem eager to get back in the swing of things. I share in their excitement and the excitement of the remaining months we have together.

Below you will find topics we will be covering this month. It is going to be a busy month that concludes with Catholic Schools Week.

RELIGION- Good News of Jesus

BUILDING CHARACTER- acceptance

MATH- finish time, start counting and patterns to 100 and tens/ones

SCIENCE- needs of plants and animals

SOCIAL STUDIES- learn about our country and flag, as well as Martin Luther King, Jr.

READING

Phonics- long o (o_e), review long i and wh/ch/tch, long u (u_e), review long o, long e spelled e and ee, long i and e spelled with y

Comprehension- sequence, author's purpose, compare and contrast

Spelling- long o words, long u words, long e words, words with y as the I and e sound

Vocabulary Skills- classifying words, multiple-meaning words, antonyms

Grammar- proper nouns, singular and plural nouns, nouns in sentences, action words

Writing- prewriting, drafting, and revising

Share topics....

Week of January 9- oral share on favorite animal

Week of January 16- free choice

Week of January 23- oral book reports

Week of January 30- What I love about St. Pius School (oral share)

BOOK REPORT!!!!!!

This month's book report will be an oral one. Students should read a book of their choice/ability at home and be able to tell the class the following information:

1. name of book
2. author
3. what the book is about
4. what they liked or didn't like about the story
5. show a favorite page

Students will give their report on their assigned share day the week of January 23rd. I encourage you to have your child practice at home in order to be prepared and to feel comfortable in front of an audience.

Sincerely,
Julie Brand

