



 **In Pre-K 3 we...**

- began our third and last exploration - Our Impact.
- met Ellie the pig, learned about pigs and what an author does.
- celebrated and had fun doing activities for Earth Day. We also learned how to take care of our Earth.
- learned the letters and sounds for L,M,N, and O.
- are learning to recognize letters in our name in print throughout the room.
- are learning to write our first name and to recognize numbers up to ten.

**In Pre-K 4 we...** 

- discovered what happens to an egg when you let it sit in vinegar for 3 days (bouncing egg experiment).
- learned all about water:
  - why water is important to us.
  - what happens when water changes temperature.
  - why some things float and some things sink.
- made an Easter chick craft and bunny card.
- had fun coloring Easter eggs and had an Easter egg hunt.

 **In Kindergarten we...**

- had a book published and read it to our parents at a book party.
- enjoyed meeting Ellie the Pig.
- read many different versions of *The Three Little Pigs*.
- learned about the Stations of The Cross.



**In First & Second Grade we...** 

In first grade we:

- read stories to find cause and effect and problem and solution.
- added and subtracted two digit numbers without regrouping.

In second grade we:

- read stories to find point of view; sequence; problem and solution.
- worked on counting money.

Both classes learned about idioms and planets. We also prepared and presented a prayer service and the Stations of the Cross for the whole school.

 **In Third & Fourth Grade we...**

- learned about Holy Week, the Triduum, and Easter.
- made kites decorated with famous pig characters in literature to welcome another famous storybook pig, Ellie.
- learned about fractions, mixed numbers, and reviewed for the NY State Math Assessment.
- practiced and took the NY State ELA Assessment.
- got to play on the new playground and had a great time!

**In Fifth & Sixth Grade we...** 

- have been writing and learning about different types of poetry for national poetry month.
- The students have started to read and discuss *Charlotte's Web*.
- As the 5th/6th graders continue their journey to the end of the school year, minds are expanding day to day.
- The NY State Math test will be held May 1-3.

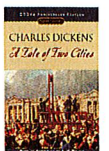
 **Art Creations**

All classes were busy creating the following items:

- PK3: Eggs and chicks and a frog pond.
- PK4: Scrapbook paper bunny picture, cats and Catkins picture.
- K: Painted Easter eggs, bunny and egg mobile, and African animal scenes.
- 1/2: Paper bag bunnies, mini baskets, and fruit and vegetable cartoons.
- 3/4: Egg cartoons, lilies, and people in motion.
- 5/6: Tissue paper eggs, Easter diptych, and painted butterflies.

**Library** 

- PK: Classes are learning to listen to baby animal stories and to treat books with respect.
- K - 2: Are learning about the stories of Beatrix Potter.
- 3/4: Students are reading excerpts from Mark Twain's classic, *Tom Sawyer*.
- 5/6: Students are reading excerpts from *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens.



## News from the Nurse

Please make sure your child wears sneakers for the playground. Shoes should be rubber-soled and sturdy enough to accommodate running, climbing and jumping. Open-toed shoes, sandals, flip-flops, jelly shoes, slippers and cowboy boots are not appropriate footwear for the playground due to the wood chips surrounding the playground, as well as being a trip hazard.

## Spanish News

In April, the students learned new vocabulary and Spanish rules.

- PK - K: learned the names of clothing in Spanish. For example, vestido is dress, zapatos are shoes, socks are calcetines or calcetas, t-shirt is camisa or playera, etc.
- 1/2: practiced basic questions such as ¿Cómo estás? ¿Cómo te llamas? ¿Cuántos años tienes? Etc.
- 3 - 6: learned the capitalization rule of Spanish language. They learned that names, cities, continents and regions are capitalized. Days of the week and months are not capitalized.

## What's Kicking with Coach?

- PK - 2nd grade classes are now finishing their rhythms and dance unit and will be starting a volleying and juggling unit. The students, in those classes, will use balloons, beach balls and juggling scarves to practice their skills.
- 3rd - 6th grade classes are still in their volleyball unit, and will be starting a mini dance and rhythms unit before moving on to baseball/softball skills. Students are encouraged to bring in their own baseball gloves during the baseball/softball unit.



## News from After School Care

In after school care we talked about welcoming spring and how nature starts to wake up after the long winter; and we prepared for Easter. We made crafts that included: a bouquet of tulips using toilet paper rolls, Easter cards, and an Easter basket (which were made from recycled mushroom baskets) that we filled with plastic eggs and gummy fruit snacks. The kids enjoyed making the baskets!

Please reserve your spot for ASC in the mornings, as we need to plan staffing based on daily attendance numbers. This service is intended for use by parents that are unable to provide supervision due to work conflicts, not a drop in play session. As the numbers continue to grow, we may have to consider additional staffing. Please remember pick-up must be by 5:30 sharp. Thank you.

## Vocal Music

- Students studied seasonally inspired songs.
- We listened to Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf.
- We learned to recognize orchestral instruments.



## Extra, Extra!

- Please send in your festival sponsorship form if you wish to be listed as a RCS festival sponsor. **The deadline to be included as a sponsor is 5/6**, as we need to have the advertising materials printed ahead of time.
- Look for a festival volunteer/bake form to go home later this week.
- Please turn in your Lenten rice bowls by May 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you have already sent them in, thank you for your donation!
- Please return your Spring Portrait packages or payment as soon as possible so our school may be eligible to win a bike for the school.
- We are accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year.



## May Upcoming Events



- May 1<sup>st</sup>: May Crowning Prayer Service at 1:00 in the Gym. Parents are welcome to attend; however, there will be no mass.
- May 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>: Math Gr. 3-6 NY State Tests.
- May 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>: RCS Spring Festival at 800 Cypress Street.
- May 27<sup>th</sup>: No School – Memorial Day.
- May 30<sup>th</sup>: Ascension Thursday Mass at 12:10 at St. Peter's Church for Grades K-6.
- May 30<sup>th</sup>: Spring Concert at 6 pm, followed by the Art Show.