



## Notes from January 2017



### In Pre-S we...

- created a snowman out of marshmallows and pretzel sticks and enjoyed the extra as a snack!
- listened to and sang our letter K, L, M, N songs. Our shape songs keep us in tip top shape.
- decorated glistening snowflakes that danced in the wind.
- decorated mittens that kept us smiling with their bright colors.

### In Pre-K we...



- learned about penguins.
- learned about snowmen.
- learned about sequencing.
- practiced counting to 8.
- learned about the letters MLK.
- learned about animals and hibernation.



### In Kindergarten we...

- are learning how to take apart numbers.
- are learning how to read and write sentences.
- prepared for Catholic Schools Week.

### In First Grade we...



- read stories and found the characters, setting and the plot; sequenced stories; discussed cause and effect.
- learned and practiced subtraction strategies to subtract up to 20.
- discussed Martin Luther King Jr and learned about his importance.



### In Second Grade we...

- read stories and retold them in sequence; discussed the author's purpose; and found the main idea and details of a story.
- we subtracted two digit numbers and learned when and how to regroup in subtraction.
- discussed Martin Luther King Jr and learned about his importance.

### In Third & Fourth Grade we...



- studied expository text and author's purpose.
- learned about the different kinds of prayer, the gift of conscience, and the Epiphany.
- learned about different types of animals, animal growth, and adaptations.
- learned about Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement.
- read and interpreted time lines.
- learned about the natural wonders of New York State.



### In Fifth Grade we...

- began learning about reading, writing, and comparing decimals in Math.
- assisted Miss Bliss in planning Catholic Schools Week.
- began to grow "Sea Monkeys."
- studied the parts of plants and the life cycle of a plant.

### After School Care News...

- Students made Martin Luther King Jr. projects and read books about Martin Luther King Jr.
- We also enjoyed making winter projects such as shaving cream polar bears that are displayed in the hall.



## Art Creations

- PS - PK students made penguins.
- Grade K made snowmen.
- Grades 1-2 made astronomy pictures.
- Grades 3-4 created a winter scene which is displayed in the hallway of the lower level.
- Grades 5 students made "swirl paint" using recycled materials.

## What's Kicking With Coach

- PreSchool/Pre-K- Assigned numbers and letters for playing a parachute game.
- Grades 1/2-3/4-5- Basketball unit.

## Library

Read the following stories; "Frosty the Snowman" "Snow Day" "Curious George Goes Sledding" and "The Jacket In the Snow"

## Technology Tidbits

- PreSchool/Pre-K- Utilized websites [scholastic.com](http://scholastic.com) and [education.com](http://education.com) for counting/classifying order/counting /recognition of letters and numbers



## Spanish News

- 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade learned the Hail Mary prayer in Spanish. They also learned manners such as "good morning, good afternoon, good night, thank you, and pleasure to meet you."
- 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade learned the numbers 10 to 20 in Spanish.
- PS-K learned the numbers 1 to 10 in Spanish.

## Vocal Music

- Students listened to the Vancouver Orchestra perform Peter and the Wolf composed by Prokofiev. The conductor was an expressive narrator.
- We honored MLK by learning "We Shall Overcome" and learned how music can end injustice, and sang the "Peace Round."
- Pre-School - second grade learned that the notes can be long or short, and high or low, by singing "Let's Go Riding" and playing a singing game, "Hoo, Hoo."
- 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade are learning to read instrumental music by playing recorder.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade are building up the band. Talking about conducting.



## Extra, Extra!

- Thank you to everyone who helped make our pancake breakfast/Open House such a great success! Our net profit from the breakfast was \$1,275.00!
- Look for the February Home and School Connection Newsletter!



## February Upcoming Events

1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>: Catholic Schools Week  
 3<sup>rd</sup>: Generations of Faith Mass.  
 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>: Mid-Winter Recess.

