



Notes from November 2016



In Pre-S we...

- made pumpkin pie collages with the residents at Barton House.
- focused on letters Ee, Ff, Gg, and Hh. Shapes Circle, and Triangle. Numbers 3,4,5, and 6.
- read *Thanksgiving Day, To Grandmother's House, Five Fat Turkeys, and Table Stretches*.

In Pre-K we...



- are learning identification and sound of letters.
- visited our neighbors across the street at Barton's place.
- learned about Native Americans and pilgrims.
- celebrated Thanksgiving with a Mass and luncheon.
- read Thanksgiving stories.



In Kindergarten we...

- had fun learning how to count to 50 by 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's.
- have been learning about the 4 seasons.
- had fun learning about communities and building one out of recycled cereal boxes and milk cartons.
- celebrated Thanksgiving with a Mass and a luncheon.

In First Grade we...



- found key details, character, setting, and events of stories.
- finished a chapter on subtraction and began learning adding strategies to add numbers to 20.
- celebrated Thanksgiving with Mass and the school wide feast.



In Second Grade we...

- found plot, main topic and details of stories.
- studied place value and practiced skip counting.
- celebrated Thanksgiving with Mass and our school wide feast.

In Third & Fourth Grade we...



- read *Molly's Pilgrim* and *How Many Days to America?*
- learned about the Four Marks of the Catholic Church.
- went on a Field Trip to see *Eight Strokes and the Moving Word*.
- learned about the Presidential candidates.
- learned Thanksgiving dinner vocabulary words in sign language with Mrs. Szyper.



In Fifth Grade we...

- learned about the Vocations of marriage, priesthood, religious life, and discernment.
- completed our Native American Tribal brochure projects and presented them to the class.
- began learning how to divide with multiple-digit divisors.
- worked hard to set up for Mass and Thanksgiving lunch.

After School Care News...

- Students made turkeys by filling a glove with different colored cereal.
- The students enjoyed playing red light green light in the Gym.
- After Thanksgiving break the students helped decorate for Christmas and made ornaments for the tree.



Art Creations

- PS and PK students designed their own crayons.
- Students made turkey centerpieces for our Thanksgiving luncheon.



What's Kicking With Coach

- Played Kickball.
- Ran Relay Races.
- Played Freeze Tag.



Library

Students read the following stories:

- *Thanksgiving Day, Thanksgiving Is, The Night Before Thanksgiving, The Berestain Bears, Thanksgiving All Around, and A Turkey for Thanksgiving.*

Technology Tidbits

Students are working on computer programming skills through code.org (Kindergarten through 5th grade) Pre-School/Pre-K-utilized websites like Nick Jr. and Nickelodeon to identify colors and shapes.



Spanish News

- The students have learned about more animals in the farm in Spanish: oveja (sheep), pollito (chick), gallina (hen), gallo (rooster), gato (cat), vaca (cow), perro (dog). - They have enjoyed the song el pollito pío (Spanish song) and also many songs in Spanish with animals in the farm.
- They learned about the day of the dead - el dia de los muertos. A happy holiday in Latin culture (nothing scary just love to the ones that are no longer with us), also they colored the Katrina.
- 3rd - 5th grade have also learned the prayer Our Father - Padre Nuestro in Spanish and numbers one to fifteen in Spanish.

Vocal Music

- Students have been preparing for their upcoming Christmas Concert (12-21-16 at 6 PM).
- At Back to School Night the students sang "I Will Sing of the Mercy of the Lord Forever". They also sang the song "I Bought Me a Cat" as an echo. This taught the students about rhythm and rests.
- Our 3rd-6th grade band is off to a great start, too!



Extra, Extra!

- Look for the December Home and School Connection Newsletter!
- Our Virtus certification class was held on November 30th. If you missed this class we hope to offer others in the future. If you plan on attending any up-coming field trips or you plan on volunteering in the classroom you must be Virtus trained.



December Upcoming Events

- 3rd & 4th: Christmas Bazaar
- 6th: $\frac{1}{2}$ Day of School 12:00 Dismissal
- 8th: Feast of Immaculate Conception Mass at St. Paul's
- 8th: $\frac{1}{2}$ Day of School 12:00 Dismissal
- 21st: Christmas Concert at 6:00 PM
- 23rd: School-wide Christmas Celebration
- 26th - 2nd: Christmas Recess