



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

- celebrated our veterans.
- learned about being thankful.
- sang Thanksgiving songs.
- enjoyed Thanksgiving desserts with our families!
- celebrated National Gingerbread Day.

In Pre-K 4 we... 

- learned about who is in our family and why they are important.
- counted and matched numbers.
- made art projects of family portraits, family houses, and playdoh family faces.
- reviewed family word recognition in ELA.
- read the book *All About Us*.
- made a name graph, name mosaics, and self-portraits.
- made and ate delicious pumpkin pie in a cup.
- completed a turkey craft.

 **In Kindergarten we...**

- had fun using connecting straws to create many things.
- learned to read many sight words.
- decided our favorite book this month was *Stone Soup*. We even played a game to go along with the story.



In First & Second Grade we... 

- reviewed addition and subtraction facts.
- found character, setting, and events of stories.
- learned about Veterans.
- learned about the First Thanksgiving.

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

- used Kahoot on our chromebooks to learn and review the history of the first Thanksgiving.
- helped to set up and were the primary leaders for our Thanksgiving Mass.
- read and interpreted data using different graphs. (Gr. 3)
- learned strategies for multi-digit multiplication problems. (Gr. 4)
- completed *Bunnacula* by James and Deborah Howe.

In Fifth & Sixth Grade we... 

- practiced engineering process skills (teamwork, pre-planning, building, and solving problems using trial and error) with Keva Planks.
- continued reading *Holes* and writing/discussing the main events throughout the chapters.
- learned how to take part in the Color Guard for the Veteran's Day Ceremony.
- assisted in setting up for our Thanksgiving dessert.

 **Art Creations**

All classes were busy creating the following items:

- PK: Paper bag turkeys and gingerbread people.
- K: Paper weaving, watercolor turkeys, and elves.
- 1/2: Tissue feather turkeys and painted tree.
- 3/4: Paper plate weaving and folk art scenes.
- 5/6: Saints, still life drawings, and Ojo de Dios.

Library 

- The new shelves are here and installed.
- The library continues to become more organized, making library time for the students more enjoyable.
- We continue to ask parents to assist their readers in taking care of their library books and double checking that there are not any library books left at home from previous years.

News from the Nurse

To help prevent the spread of illnesses, please use the following guidelines. Please keep your child home if he/she has had:

- Fever/Vomiting/Diarrhea in the past 24 hours.
- Chills.
- Conjunctivitis (pink eye): May return 24 hours after the first dose of antibiotic.
- Impetigo: May return 24 hours after first dose of medication.
- Ringworm: May return 24 hours after first dose of medication.
- Strep throat: May return 24 hours after first dose of antibiotic.
- Head lice: May return after being treated according to the nurse or health care provider's instructions.



Spanish News

- All Spanish classes learned about the Mexican celebration of Dia de los Muertos.
- All grades did an altar of Pope John Paul, II and Madre Teresa of Calcuta.
- PK - K: learned feelings in Spanish.
- 1/6: have been learning vocabulary about food and things found around their classroom. They also learned the rules of how to convert a noun from singular to plural.
- All students learned that Thanksgivings in Spanish means día de acción de gracias, and learned vocabulary about the history of the first Thanksgiving celebration.

What's Kicking with Coach?

- PK - 2: continue to practice locomotor skills, learning about spatial awareness, and practicing throwing and catching skills.
- 3 - 6: students are starting their indoor recreational games unit.



News from After School Care

- Read several books about Thanksgiving and the pilgrims that explored travel, customs and different foods.
- Made crafts that included: coloring a turkey, making a scarecrow, colored cut and pasted a turkey and glued in each feather stating what each student was thankful for (i.e., food, family, friends, their health...)

On days when there is an early dismissal or after school activities are cancelled due to weather, After School Care will not be provided. We ask all families that use After School Care to please have a contingency plan in place for such occasions.

Vocal Music

- Listened to great music to make a listening map of the melodies.
- Students studied a listening map of the Nutcracker Suite.
- We compared the sound of traditional Chinese instruments to the western instruments chosen to portray "tea" in the Chinese Dance. We are also practicing our songs for the Christmas Pageant on December 13th; it's going to be a performance you won't want to miss!

Extra, Extra!

- Thank you to all the families that submitted orders for our Mixed Bag Media fundraiser. We anticipate the items arriving the week of December 10th and will send out a notice to all families when pick-up will be available.
- Our Box Tops for Education™ collecting continues to come in; let's keep up the good work!
- Our plastic film recycling challenge runs through December 21st and we are off to a great start.

December Upcoming Events

- Dec. 1st-2nd: RCS Bazaar and Craft Fair at MVCC.
- Dec. 3rd: Wreaths/Poinsettias Orders are due.
- Dec. 6th: School-wide Field Trip to the Nutcracker at the Rome Capital Theatre.
- Dec. 13th: RCS Christmas Pageant at 6 p.m.
- Dec. 16th: Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus, from 9-12.
- Dec. 19th: Mass at 1:00 in the gymnasium.
- Dec. 21st: Pajama Day with classroom celebrations in the morning followed by a school-wide movie in the gym at 12:30. Parents are welcome to attend the movie.
- Dec. 24th - Jan. 2nd: Christmas Recess

