

## Notes from October 2017

### In Pre-K 3 we...

- learned about the life cycle of a pumpkin.
- made pumpkin mousse and planted pumpkin seeds in PK 3-1.
- attended our first Field trip to North Star Orchard.
- made skeleton hands and monster decorations in PK 3-2.
- enjoyed our classroom Halloween party with our family and friends.

### In Pre-K 4 we...

- visited an apple orchard, pumpkin patch, and fire station.
- learned about our 5 senses, leaves, and pumpkins.
- learned how to arrange objects in a linear, scattered, and circular configuration.
- made applesauce in PK 4-1.
- decorated fall leaf cookies after learning about how and why leaves change colors in PK 4-2.
- celebrated Halloween with a class party. We sang songs and recited poems in a show for our parents, as well as, made a Halloween craft.

### In Kindergarten we...

- learned about communities.
- learned about the 5 senses.
- are learning to read sight words.
- learned how to say the rosary.
- celebrated Halloween with our special Guests, Mr. & Mrs. Davidson from the Kiwanis Club and had fun during our Halloween parade.

### In First & Second Grade we...

1st grade:

- read stories and found the key details.
- reviewed subtraction and began addition strategies.
- practiced the Rosary in Chapel.

2nd Grade:

- read stories and found character, setting, and plot.
- reviewed prefixes.
- completed our Math chapter on place value.
- practiced the Rosary in the Chapel.

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

- read "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" and wrote a book report about it.
- helped prepare for the St. Francis of Assisi Mass.
- built bridges with K'NEX.
- learned about free will, types of sin, and the Last Judgement.
- mapped Columbus' travels and read a short biography about him.
- practiced multiplication facts 0-6X.
- are enjoying Fr. Kennedy's visits on Wednesday's.

### In Fifth & Sixth Grade we...

5th Grade:

- are dividing with single and double digit divisors.
- are learning about different Native American tribes and their culture.
- learned the different features of expository text, biographies, persuasive texts.

6th Grade:

- are comparing fractions and decimals.
- are learning about Ancient Mesopotamia and Ancient Babylonia.

### Art Creations

- PK: Made fire trucks, black cats, and ghosts in a candy corn pocket.
- K: Made owls, spiders/spider webs, and Halloween mobiles.
- 1/2: Created paper bag pumpkins, crows, and scary faces.
- 3/4: Designed figures using bottles and papier mache`.
- 5/6: Created metallic leaf prints and papier mache` masks.

### Library

- PK: read Halloween stories ("Bats at the Beach" and "Halloween Mice"), and colored Halloween sheets.
- K: learned about parts of a book, read a Halloween story ("Clifford the Big White Ghost"), and colored Halloween sheets.
- 1/2: learned about parts of a book, read Halloween stories, and wrote a recipe for their own Halloween brew.
- 3/4: learned about genres, read Halloween short stories, and students wrote their own Halloween short story.
- 5/6: learned about genres, read Halloween short stories, and learned new vocabulary words.

## News from After School Care

- Students made salted dough fossils.
- Students had a lot of fun making monster rocks.
- We read fall and Halloween themed books.
- Students enjoyed participating in Show & Tell Friday's.



### Spanish News

PK – K: are learning about colors (los colores), numbers, animals, (los animales), and vocabulary from the kitchen.  
1&2: are learning numbers and days of the week.  
3&4: are learning that in Spanish there are two ways to say the word you (tú and usted) and when to use them.  
5&6: are learning months, how to write dates in Spanish, vocabulary from the classroom, and a Spanish prayer.

### What's Kicking With Coach

PK - 6: are learning new exercise routines.  
PK - 2: are moving in a variety of ways; while respecting each other's "self space" during their spatial awareness unit.  
3 - 6: are practicing soccer skills and playing soccer lead -up games during their Soccer Skills Unit.

### Vocal Music

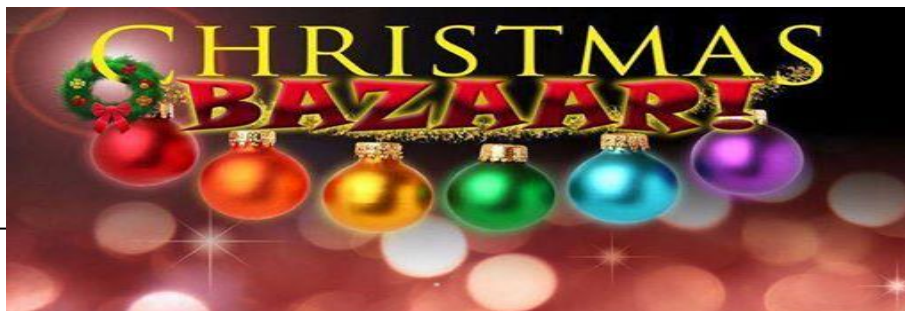
PK: Practiced songs "Flutter By," "Baby Bumble Bee," "Apples and Bananas," "You've Got a Friend in Me," , as well as, zoo songs.  
K: Practiced songs "Circle of Life," "You Got a Friend in Me," "Wide Mouth Frog," and "We Care."  
1 & 2: Practiced songs "Mahogany Tree" and "Wide Mouth Frog."  
3 & 4: Practiced songs "Mahogany Tree," "You Got a Friend in Me," "I am a Dolphin," "Walk a Mile", and "Mighty Power."  
5 & 6: Practiced songs "I am a Dolphin," "Mahogany Tree," "Frogs in the Morning," "Mighty Power", and "We Care."

### Extra, Extra!

- "Thank-you" to Mr. DiPaolo (Dominic's Dad – Entertainment Services) and Mr. Tucker (Blake's Dad - Tucker Pools and Spa's) for sponsoring our Comedy Night that was held on October 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Look for the November Home & School Connection Newsletter!
- Everyone did a wonderful job with their pumpkins. Very creative!
- Our Halloween celebration was enjoyed by all!

### November Upcoming Events

November 7: Diocesan-wide In-Service (No Students)  
November 8: VIRTUS Training Class at RCS 6:00 PM  
November 10: Veteran's Day (No School)  
November 17: Parent Teacher Conferences  
November 21: Thanksgiving Mass/Luncheon  
November 22-24: Thanksgiving Recess  
November 29: Early Dismissal 12 Noon (In-Service PM)



December 2<sup>nd</sup> & December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Located @ MVCC Rome Campus –  
Fundraiser for Rome Catholic School