

Saint John the Baptist Catholic School

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School Newsletter
September 27, 2023

The mission of Saint John the Baptist Catholic School is to educate God's children and promote Catholic values through academic excellence and service to others.

Upcoming School/Parish Events

October 2 - Youth Night (grades 5 and up)

October 6 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher
In-Service

October 9 - Hearing and Vision Screening

October 11 - Fall Picture Day - 9:00AM

October 18 - Youth Group Potato Bake

October 19 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

October 21 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher
In-Service

- Parent/Teacher Conferences
10:30 am to 3:00 pm

October 29 - Trunk or Treat

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Hot Lunch Program

Hello from the Lunchroom!!

I would like to say a "BIG THANK YOU" for all of you who have volunteered to help in the kitchen and lunchroom, we are always looking for you to join the team. Also thank you for the fresh vegetables and fruit that have been donated, they are very much appreciated. The school year is off to a good start, the kids are good eaters, I don't have a lot of leftovers and very little is being thrown away. We have "stop and go lights" indicators in the lunchroom to remind kids to keep our voices down. The new walk-in cooler and freezer are being utilized and becoming a great asset. Please reach out to my school email, jseubert@stjohnedgar.org if you have concerns, questions and or comments. All of you are very much appreciated!
Ms. Julie

Volunteer Sign-up

As more of our fundraisers and volunteer opportunities come up, please make sure to sign up. All help is appreciated!! Please see the email for the link to sign-up.



Seroogy's Candy Bar Sale

The Seroogy's candy bar sale is beginning! Please make sure to sign up for selling candy bars at weekend Masses at St. John's and Holy Family.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

Youth Night
5:30 - 7:00 pm
Meeting in Youth Room

Oct
2nd



Oct
18

FULLY LOADED
BAKED POTATO & TACO BAR

4:00 pm - 6:30 pm
SJ Church Dining Hall



FALL LEAF RAKING

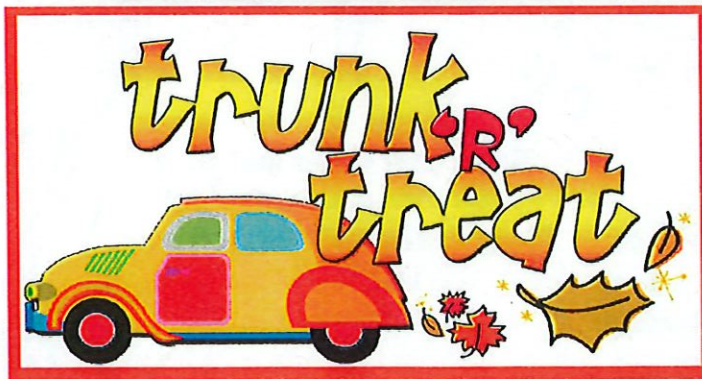
Archangel Youth Group and their families will be helping their friends and neighbors in the community by helping rake leaves. Meet at SJ Rectory at 10:00 am Lunch served for you at 1:00 pm **All are welcome to help! Bring rakes & bring your kids too!**

Oct
21



Oct
29

2:00 - 3:00 pm
St John's parking lot



Car Sign Up
Required by
Wednesday,
Oct 25th

Contact Jenna to sign up:
Text at 715-218-7170
or email:
jennamartin6@gmail.com

Oct
30



Jesu Vesperi Family Night

(Youth Group Family Night)

5:30 - 7:00 pm

Meeting in SJ Dining Hall

"Jesu Vesperi" - Evening with Jesus

Scan here to visit
our website



For more information on any of these events, please visit: <https://edqarcatholic.org/home/>

FULLY LOADED BAKED POTATO & TACO BAR

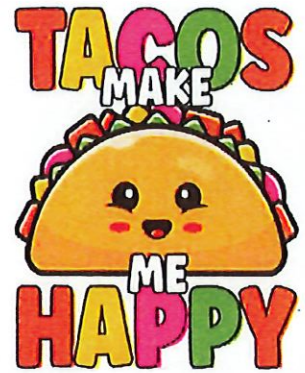
Please sign up to help



Scan here for more info or to sign up

We need YOUR help!

We are looking for your donations of food, supplies & dessert
AND we need YOUR HELP PLEASE on Oct 17th & 18th
to prep, help serve and help clean up.



Proceeds benefit our Archangel Youth Group

FALL LEAF RAKING

Help your friends and neighbors in the community! Lend a hand helping to rake leaves for those who need a hand.

KIDS
WELCOME
TO HELP



Bring your rakes and your smiles for a fun morning!
Many hands make light work.
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Saturday, Oct 21st
meet at 10:00 am at
the St John's Rectory
Lunch at 12:30 pm

Call Nancy in our Parish Office to
sign up to help. 715-352-3011

Archangel Youth Group Project
Youth and their families encouraged to help



Fully Loaded

Baked Potato & Taco Bar

October 18, 2023

4:00-6:30 p.m.



Dessert and Beverages also served!

Free Will Offering

(Suggested Offering: Adults--\$9.00; Children under 12--\$6.00)

St. John Church Dining Hall

103 N 4th Ave, Edgar

Proceeds go to Archangel Youth Group

Carry outs available-715-352-3111



Preorder and Donate online at <https://edgarcatholic.org/stj/>

Online ordering available from Friday, Oct 13th thru Wednesday, Oct 18th at 1:00 pm





ST. JOHN'S THIRD ANNUAL
TRUNK OR TREAT

SPONSORED BY ST. JOHN'S PARISH AND

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

2:00PM - 3:00PM

FOOD, MUSIC, PRIZES & CANDY!

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY



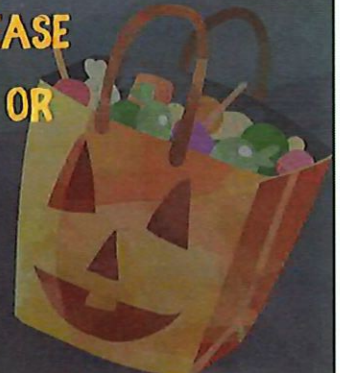
ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH PARKING LOT

103 N 4TH AVE, EDGAR WI 54426

**PLEASE BRING A CANNED GOOD ITEM
FOR THE CIRCLE OF JOY**

**FOR QUESTIONS OR TO REGISTER A TRUNK, PLEASE
CONTACT JENNA MARTIN AT 715-218-7170 OR**

EMAIL JENNAMARTIN6@GMAIL.COM





3K SEPTEMBER NEWS

Our year began with lots of smiles, new adventures and a few tears shed missing mom and dad. The children have settled into a routine and are adjusting to three days of learning and fun.

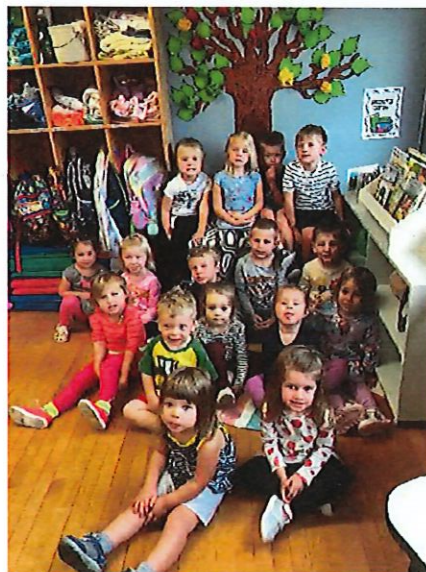
Our first tasks were learning the expectations of our room as well as how to share, wait your turn, and being patient with 17 little ones in our class. We have been enjoying toys and activities in the room to help us learn and grow along with a variety of Centers. Each of the Centers are areas that provide a range of learning from pretend play, discovering colors and letters, developing fine motor skills, and a variety of opportunities to grow through play.

We have begun studying our letters with the help of our Letter Monster who only eats certain letters and Allie the Alligator, our class puppet and friend, whom the children adore. Storytime is a favorite with books like Chica Chica Boom Boom, Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?, and Don't Push the Button.

This month we have also read a little bit about St. Teresa of Calcutta and have learned one of her quotes "Do small things with great love." The children learned that something as small as a smile on their face for someone else shows the light of Jesus. They also enjoy singing and dancing to the song, "Shine Jesus Light."

We are looking forward to the days ahead of fall and discovering the beautiful colors and blessings of the season.

Thank you to St. John parishioners for all your support for our 3K program and giving these children this great opportunity to grow in so many ways.



Hi Moms and Dads!

1 2 3....ABC!!!

September has been off to a great beginning of this 2023-24 school with the 4 year-old kindergarten classroom! We have finally gotten a whole month of school and everyone is learning so much!

Each day for the calendar we start the morning off with the prayer, pledge, and sing our "MONTHS OF THE YEAR" song. I have to say they are so good at knowing how to sing their hearts out so early in the morning.

Math class we learn about numbers 1-5 and can start to recognize our shapes. It has been challenging to keep still when we are getting better at knowing our shapes and counting 1 to 5!

Each week we get a new letter of the alphabet. We started off the year with "S, A, and T" Now we got to learn the letter "M" to add to our board "LETTERS WE KNOW" that is posted in our classroom.

In our 4k classroom we will have to learn our Class Rules and know how to be safe in the classroom. I can say each and every student has been showing a lot of curiosity as they continue to learn. We can't wait for the next adventures of this new school year!

- 4k kiddos



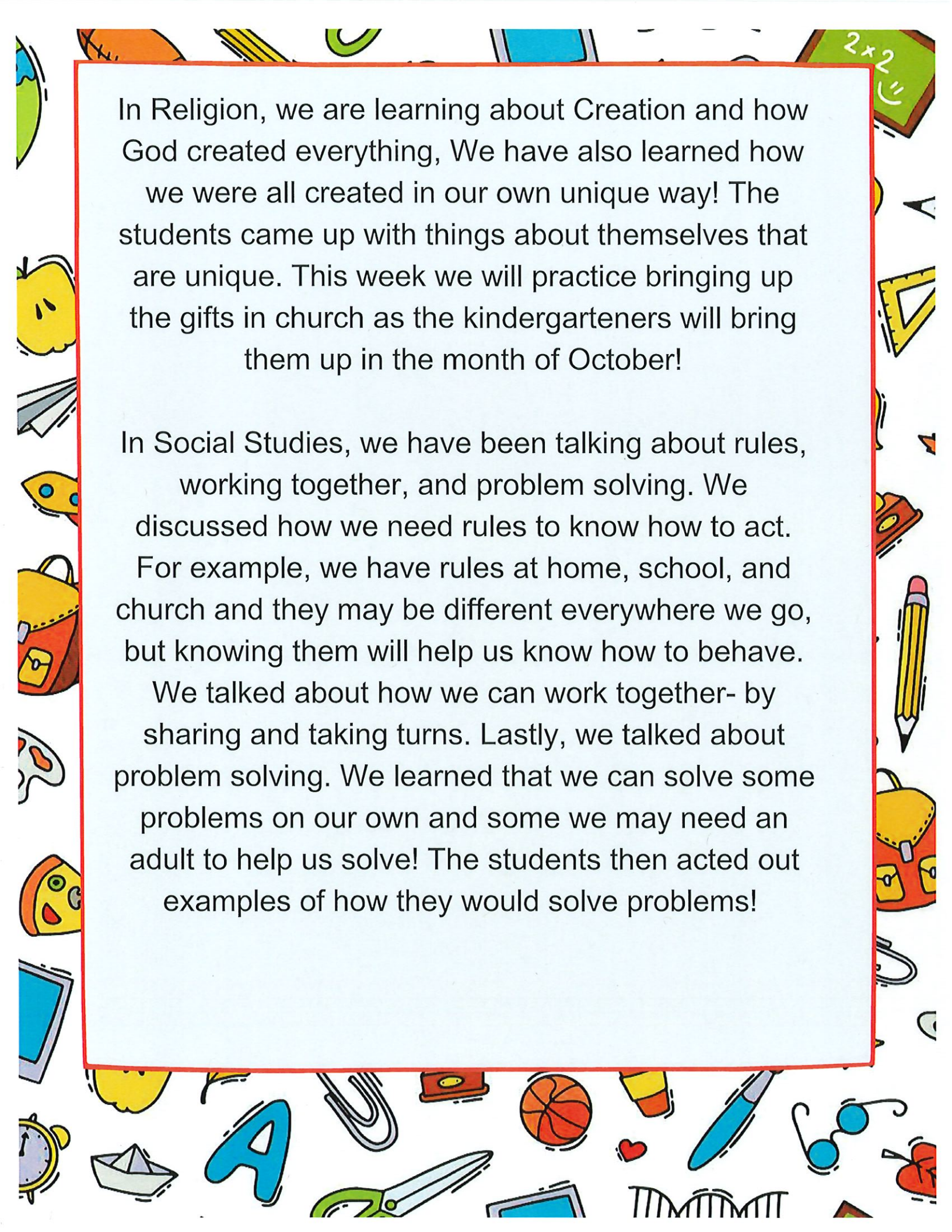


HELLO FROM KINDERGARTEN!

Hello from the KINDERGARTEN room! Happy first newsletter! We are off to such a great start to the school year. The students came in so eager to learn! They are finally getting confident and comfortable with the schedule this year.

In Reading, the students have talked about and learned the letters Cc, and Oo. They are familiar with both and are able to identify what sounds the letters make. We have also met two new superkids friends, Cass and Oswald. The students are learning what each likes to do, and enjoy learning about those things! For example, Cass likes to cook so we talked about cooking and items in the kitchen.

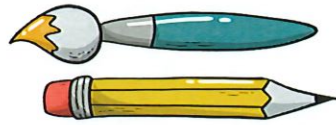
In Math, the students reviewed and formed the numbers 0-10. They have also been finding ways to make 5. Lastly, we learned about comparing numbers. We decided if groups were greater or less than another group.



In Religion, we are learning about Creation and how God created everything, We have also learned how we were all created in our own unique way! The students came up with things about themselves that are unique. This week we will practice bringing up the gifts in church as the kindergarteners will bring them up in the month of October!

In Social Studies, we have been talking about rules, working together, and problem solving. We discussed how we need rules to know how to act. For example, we have rules at home, school, and church and they may be different everywhere we go, but knowing them will help us know how to behave. We talked about how we can work together- by sharing and taking turns. Lastly, we talked about problem solving. We learned that we can solve some problems on our own and some we may need an adult to help us solve! The students then acted out examples of how they would solve problems!

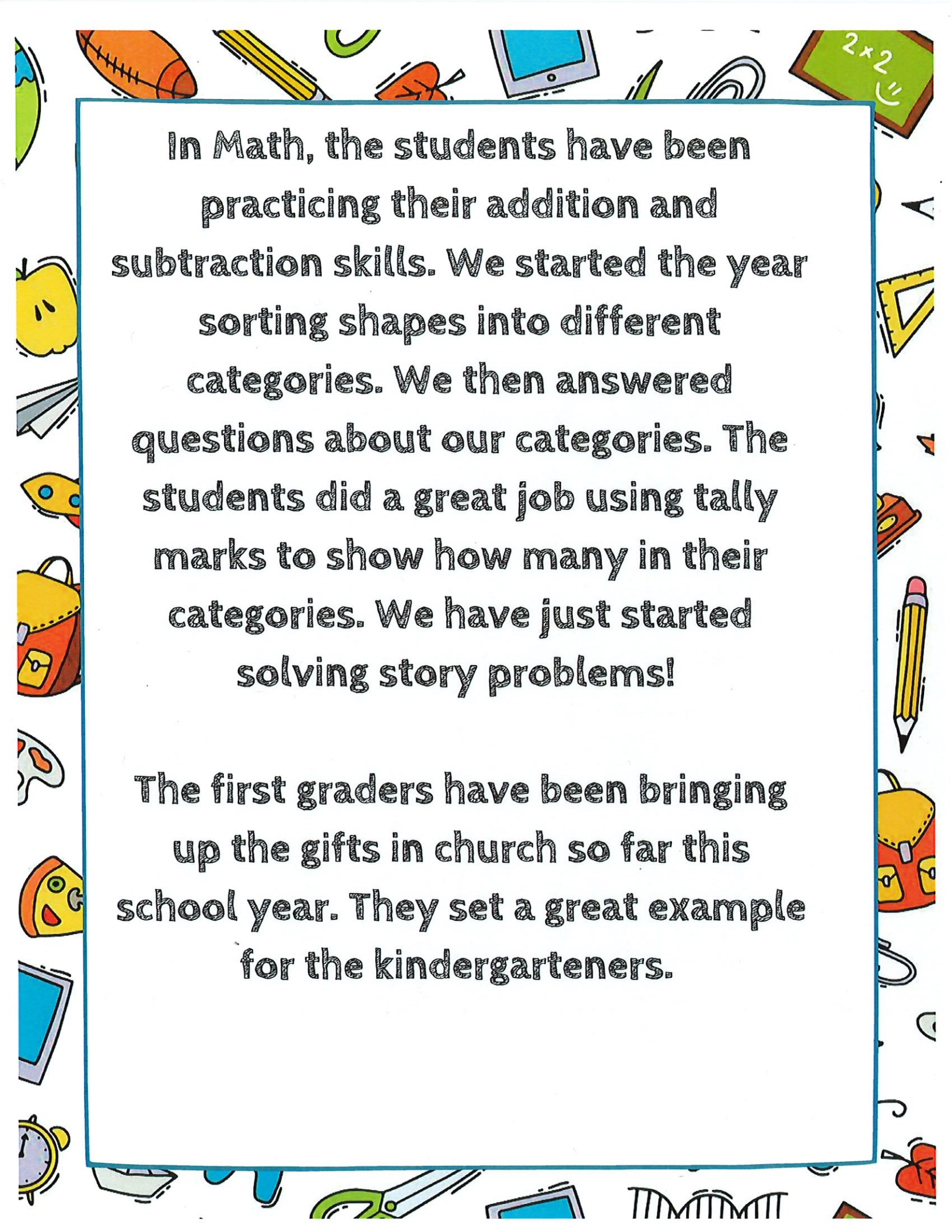




First Grade!

Hello from first grade! What a great start to the year.

In Reading, the students reviewed sight words that they learned in kindergarten. They seemed to really enjoy reviewing through playing sight word memory match. They also have been reading about the superkids adventures! They had a lot of fun learning the /ch/ sound as they got to use our super secret readers to uncover pictures whose names have the /ch/ sound.



In Math, the students have been practicing their addition and subtraction skills. We started the year sorting shapes into different categories. We then answered questions about our categories. The students did a great job using tally marks to show how many in their categories. We have just started solving story problems!

The first graders have been bringing up the gifts in church so far this school year. They set a great example for the kindergarteners.

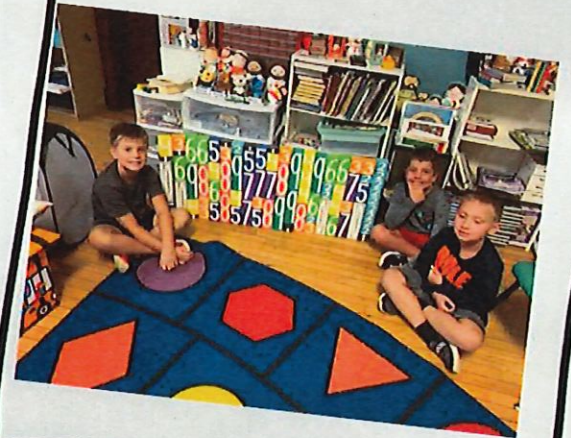


MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2023

THIS MONTH IN GRADE TWO

Almost one month of school is in the books and we have been busy! We are off to a good start in Math brushing up on our addition and subtraction facts. We had fun building combinations to equal 20 with our Math Stackers. See the picture to the right! In ELA we are learning more about the Superkids as they begin Second Grade...just like us. We have also been enjoying our SUPER Magazine. We learned about some unusual ice cream flavors...eggs & bacon, cactus are a few, as well as some unusual animals...Have you ever heard of a sea pig?



1 GRADE TWO CREATORS

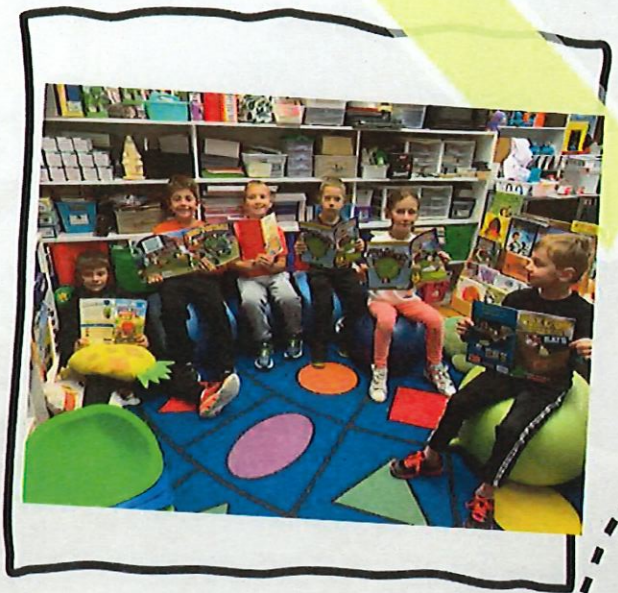
One of our favorite things to do is create new things out of junk Mrs. Werner collects for us that people would usually throw away. The first thing we created was a Grade Two Flag. Check out the photo to the left for some of our creations.



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WHEN GRADE ONE IS WITH US!

Grade One spends a couple of hours with us each day. We have Science, Social Studies, Religion, and Resource Time together. In Science, we are Aquarium Scientists exploring how animals and plants survive. In Social Studies, we are learning about Families and communities. We have been busy in Religion celebrating Mary's birthday, learning about the Holy Trinity and doing different activities to get to know our Saint of the Month~St. Teresa of Calcutta.



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ACCELERATED READER/ SILENT READING

We are very excited to be reading lots of great books. Second Grade is also taking AR tests on their books and are off to a great start! First Grade will start testing in the Spring, but they are busy reading the books in our AR section already. The picture above shows us with the best book we read so far this year.



P2C

We are learning that we have a superpower: The Power to Choose(P2C), and that by using that superpower we can determine how our day will turn out. Ask us about our friend Danny (from the book What Should Danny Do?)-we have been helping him make choices and seeing how they change his day.

🍁🍂 Happy Autumn from Grades 3&4! Our “Be a Saint” featured Catholic Sprouts Saint for the month of September has been St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta. The challenges for the month with St. Mother Teresa: learn and pray the **Fragrance Prayer**, give to the poor, print & display “I thirst” below a crucifix, and begin each day with Jesus. Our Religion text, Our Life With Jesus, starts us at the beginning of the Bible in the book of Genesis and has us contemplating what Heaven is like. As in 1 Corinthians 2:9, “What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him.” Although we know our ideas won’t even come close to how amazing Heaven is, here are our thoughts: **Heaven is...more beautiful than mac ‘n cheese ~Evie, ...more fun than playing football ~Jacob, ...better than gymnastics ~Ruthie, ...sounds better than food ~Kash, ...sounds better than birds ~Memphis, ...happier than getting something you want for your birthday ~Sam.**


Math 3 is solving situations involving repeated addition for an introduction to multiplication expressions. ELA 3/4 topics have involved the four types of sentences and the minimum requirements of a sentence. In Social Studies we have been preparing for our visit to the Little Red Schoolhouse with a variety of resources from the MCPL. For Reading, what else would we be reading but Little House in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder?

Aside from looking forward to our visit to the Little Red Schoolhouse coming up this Friday, September 29, the 3/4 students have weekly events to look forward to. Tuesdays, we are happy to have Father Alan teach our Religion class. Sometimes we get a chance to share a few jokes. We might be able to supply Father with new material. Check with a 3/4 student sometime for the answers to: *Why didn't the sun go to college? Who is the leader of school supplies? Which school do surfers go to? Which school supplies are tired? What did the little tree say to the big tree?* Then on Wednesdays, we welcome the Kindergarten for reading time. We can read to them, and sometimes they can even read to us! Mrs. Werner even shared a cool app, *Novel Effect*, with us that has a library of books that inserts sound effects as you read the story. What fun!



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 Music with grades 3 thru 8 didn't mind multiple lessons on note values that involved apples as whole notes. As long as tree blossoms are plentiful and survive spring weather, there are plenty of apples that can come along to school for those annual note lessons. Next it's on to naming notes and starting to enjoy our favorite patriotic songs. We may find inspiration for more patriotic music at a US Marine Band concert that will be at DC Everest on October 17. Please check out the information below and more by following the links as well.

Information on "The President's Own" US Marine Band in our area was recently advertised! The Middle School students may recall the March Madness we checked out last spring provided by the Marine Band. If interested in this event, ticket requests started Sept 17 for up to 4 tickets. Follow the web address below and review the info that follows.

<https://marineband.ticketleap.com/weston2023/>

This concert is part of the 2023 U.S. Marine Band Concert Tour and is sponsored by DC Everest High School Band Boosters. The concert is free, but tickets are required. Tickets are limited to 4 per request.

The Marine Band is America's oldest continuously active professional musical organization. Founded in 1798, the band has performed for every U.S. President since John Adams. Known as "The President's Own" since the days of Thomas Jefferson, the Marine Band's primary mission is to provide music for the President of the United States and the Commandant of the Marine Corps. In the style of the band's 17th Director John Philip Sousa, who initiated the concert tour tradition in 1891, Marine Band Director Col. Jason K. Fettig has chosen a diverse mix of programs, from traditional band repertoire and marches to instrumental solos. Learn more about the Marine Band: www.marineband.marines.mil

RESTRICTIONS

Tickets valid until 7:15 p.m.; open seating thereafter. No large bags or backpacks allowed.

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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

MRS. MICHLIG

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5 MATH:

We have started our school year with learning about volume. We began with building rectangular prisms with unit cubes and have now evolved into calculating volume of various figures.

5/6 ELA:

In ELA, students have been learning about nouns and have started writing their personal narratives. We have also begun our first novel study with Gary Paulsen's Hatchet. The students are really enjoying Paulsen's writing!



5/6 SOCIAL STUDIES:

In social studies we have begun with our ancient civilizations curriculum. This included learning about the basics of geography before we started learning about Prehistory and ancient Egypt.

7/8 GEOGRAPHY:

Geography is a new class this year that we are able to offer since we have purchased a new interactive curriculum! The students have been exploring the online component that accompanies the textbook as we have begun learning about geography basics.

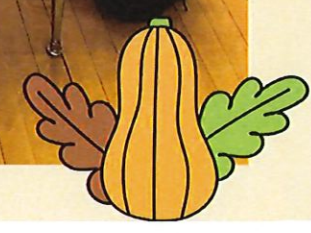
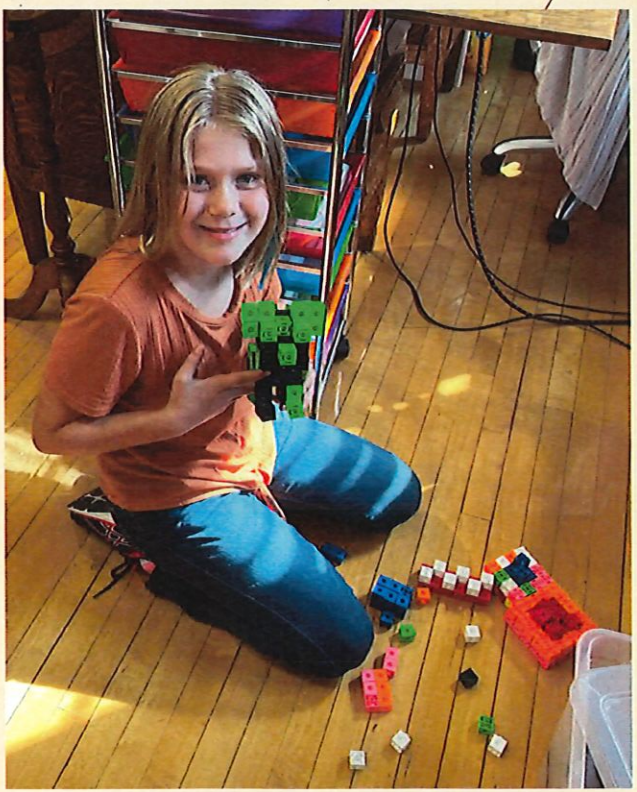
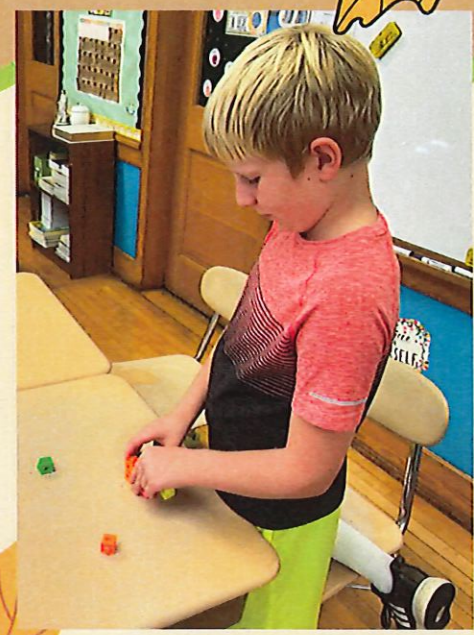


5/6 RELIGION:

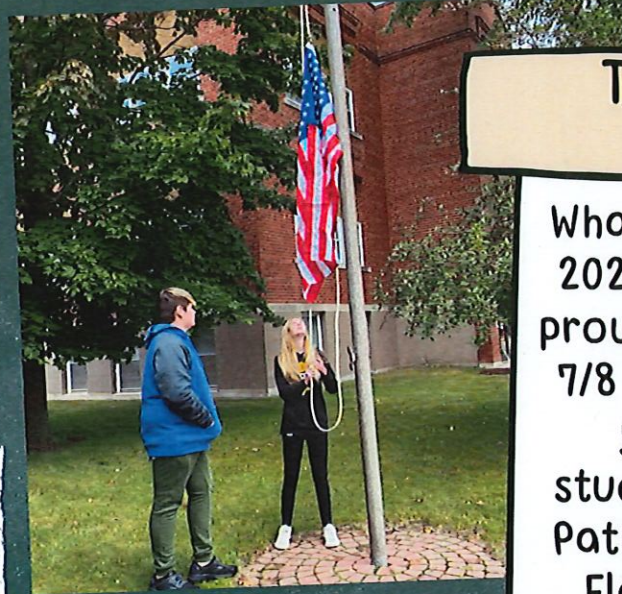
The Creed is the foundation to our Catholic Faith. That is what we are learning about in religion class this year. We started out by learning the basics of the Creed and have progressed on to learning about the Blessed Trinity, the creation of Heaven, and the realm of Angels.

Hello and welcome back to the new school year! The students have been hard at work after their summer vacations and we have already been busy learning a lot!



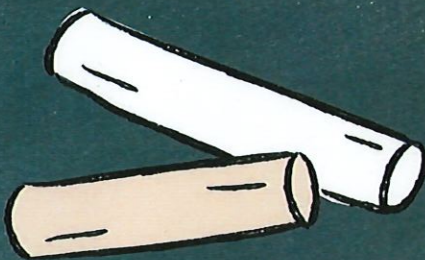


School Newsletter



This Month In 7/8 Homeroom

What a great start to the 2023-2024 school year! I have been proud of the leadership skills the 7/8 students have shown to the younger students. The 7/8 students are involved in Safety Patrol, lunchroom clean up, the Flagpole Assembly, and, their favorite: Book Buddies with 4K!



Book Buddies!



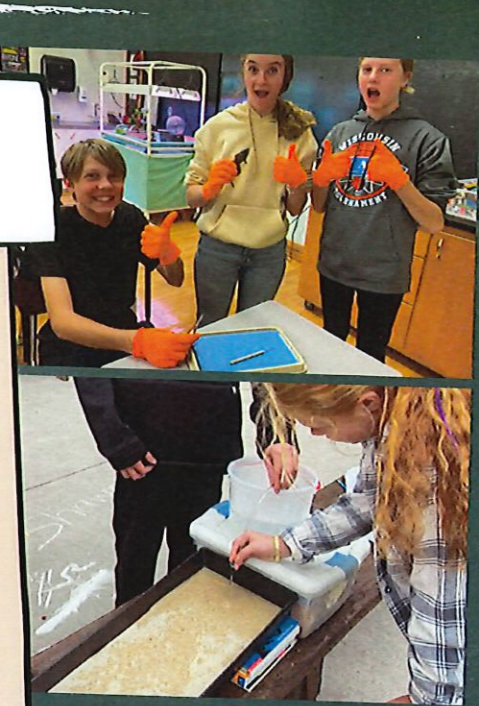
Upcoming School Activities

- Saint of the Month
- Graveyard of the Saints
- Quiz Bowl Practice

Middle School Subjects

Students have been making great strides in Math this year. Sixth graders have been learning about area, 7th graders have been focusing on scaling figures, and 8th graders are learning about rigid transformations.

In Science, 5/6 grade students are learning about stars, the sun, and earth. The 7/8 grade class is investigating the inner planets for possible signs of life. Could Mars have supported life in the past?

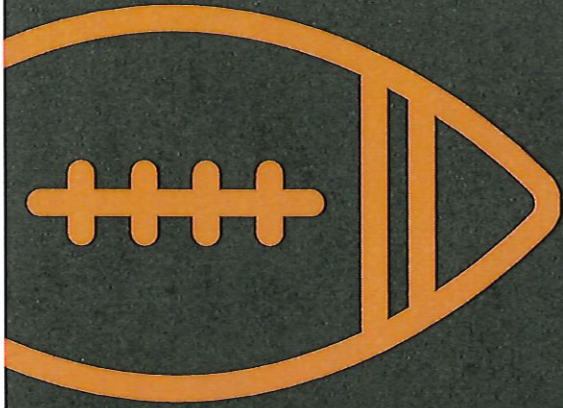


A Note From Ms. Wozny



I hope you are enjoying the beauty of the fall! I look forward to all the exciting events coming up. We are planning a fall field trip, Halloween is right around the corner, and we will probably do a little leaf raking! It's a good time of the year to get outside!

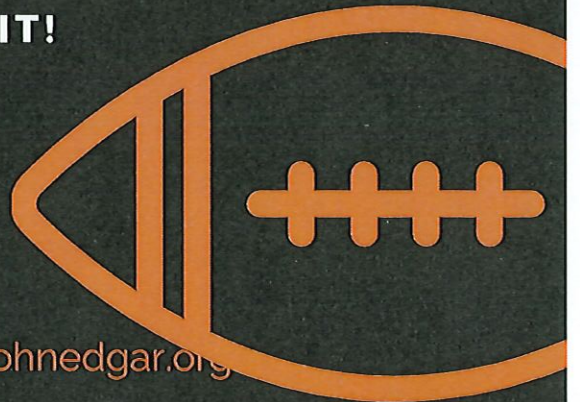
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CHEER AND HELP
YOUR FAVORITE TEAM!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- MIDDLE SCHOOL IS WRAPPING UP THEIR FLAG FOOTBALL UNIT WITH SOME FRIENDLY COMPETITION! NEXT WILL BE VOLLEYBALL.
- ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS FINISHING UP THEIR JUMPING UNIT AND WE WILL BE ONTO OUR THROWING UNIT!



Ms. Baylie Neider- bneider@stjohnedgar.org



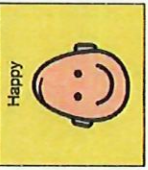








Hello from Art!

Well, our portfolio covers are done, now we just need to fill them with our beautiful art. The theme I chose for this year's portfolio covers is *founded on the rock* based on *Matthew 7: 24-28* comparing the wise who build their house on the rock of our faith in Christ to the foolish who build their house on the shifting sand of our ever changing personal/worldly opinions. Students illustrated this concept by using one side of their portfolio to depict a mountain/rock theme and the other to depict a sand/beach theme. Each side also included the verse portion appropriate to the scene. It's always a delight to see how different individuals interpret the same source verse in their own unique ways.

Sometimes our art differs because of our feelings, and this can be expressed in the colors we choose. One way for me to be more aware of how students are doing each day is to have them indicate it on a chart I provided (example below). Students put a rock or shell on the picture of choice for the day. I think they enjoy looking at the many shells and rocks I brought in for them to mark the color-coded faces helping them to see a relationship between **COLOR** and **MOOD**. My hope is these shells and rocks, small bits of God's creation, also remind students of our theme throughout the year.

Fall is a time for bird migration. Using a paper plate as a pattern template, students dripped or drew their choice colors onto the flat(ish) **SHAPE** of the plate then cut out the wings and body of the bird. Once dry, these were assembled into a 3D bird **FORM**. Birds too can remind us of God's provision and love: *Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they? Matthew 6:26*. Check out this fun flock:

I prefer not to say

How are You Feeling Today?

Too hot

Too cold

Just right

Calvo Center (Green)

