

Saint John the Baptist Catholic School

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Home of the Saints since 2018



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School Newsletter
October 30, 2023

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Upcoming School/Parish Events

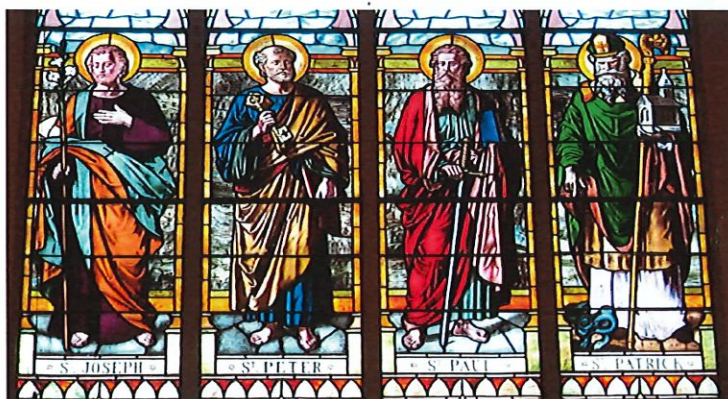
- October 30 - Jesu Vesperi - Family Night
All ages invited - parents included
- November 3 - Graveyard of the Saints
- November 3 - End of Quarter 1
- November 6 - Start of Quarter 2
- November 8 - Middle School Field Trip
- November 10 - Veterans Day Program
- November 20-24 - NO SCHOOL
- THANKSGIVING BREAK**
- November 20-21 - Teacher In-Service

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Graveyard of the Saints

Join our 7th and 8th grades as they put on the Graveyard of the Saints! On Friday, November 3rd, our school gym will be turned into a dark and foggy cemetery. We hope to see you there!



Jesu Vesperi

"Jesu Vesperi" is latin and is translated to "Evening with Jesus". Hosted by the Archangel Youth Group, we invite kids of all ages, parents included! You do not need to sign up, simply show up, have fun, and enjoy great fellowship!

Cold Weather

The WWW (Wonderful Wisconsin Winter) is on its way! Which means colder weather, brrr. Please make sure to send your child(ren) with the appropriate weather gear (jackets, gloves, hats, boots and warm clothes. We have extra gloves and hats in the office if forgotten.



Seroogy's Candy Bar Sale

We have a few more boxes of select candy bar flavors. If you would like to help finish selling candy bars please reach out to the school office. Any and all help is appreciated!



OCTOBER in 3K.....autumn, pumpkins, colored leaves, blessing of the animals, and trick or treating. What a busy month!

Our 3K class learned about the changing seasons and how we see beautiful colors on the trees and feel the coldness in the air that lets us know that fall is here. We continued on with our alphabet learning about the letter D and heard a story about the 3 little dinosaurs who really wanted to fly and tried flying off the top of a volcano but they only tumbled down. From this story they learned that God made each of us different and gave us each special gifts. Then the fun “erupted” when our little scientists made a volcano from a pumpkin! There were lots of oohhs and aaahs!

With our letter E we discovered that we could make an elephant from the letter E and also the class watched as we made Elephant Toothpaste. Letter F brought us lots of new words and our friend Allie the Alligator showed us the word “friend” and we took a picture together of our group of friends. We also went fishing for letters to help us “catch” onto the alphabet. We had fun putting farm puzzles together too.

We are learning to say the Pledge of Allegiance each morning along with our prayers. A new prayer we started is the Hail Mary and we learned about Mary and the rosary. We continue to hear about God’s creation and all the wonderful things he gives us.

Storytime is a favorite with lots of fun stories filling our day like “Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons”, “Alpha Oops”, “There is a Bird on Your Head”, “But Not an Elephant” and “A Friend Like You”.

Our month will close with a celebration of Halloween with snacks and games.



3K Class with Allie the Alligator



Building with blocks

Fishing for letters



PLAYTIME AND FUN LEARNING



4 YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN

October
newsletter

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Hi Moms and Dads!

Fall has come with the cold weather and fallen leaves. Our class has enjoyed talking about pumpkins and finding out what is inside them!

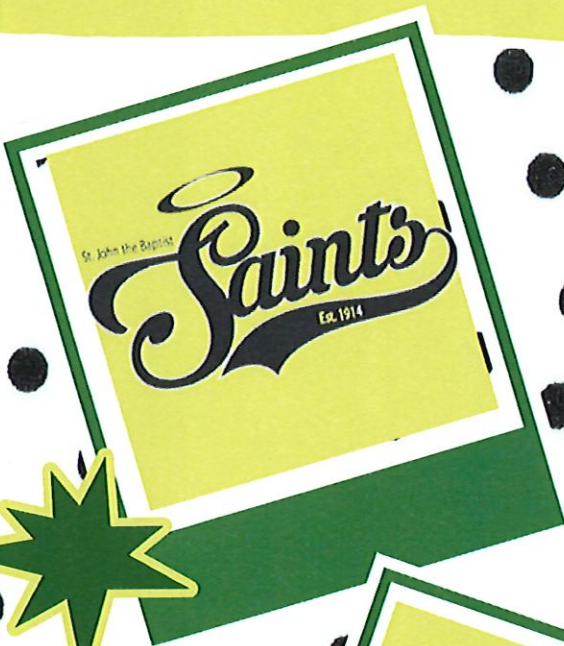
OCTOBER NEWS

Reading Buddies: We are so happy to have reading buddies! Most days we ask if it is reading buddy time. Our reading buddies are the 7th/8th graders.

Play: We were able to go to a park and had extra playtime.

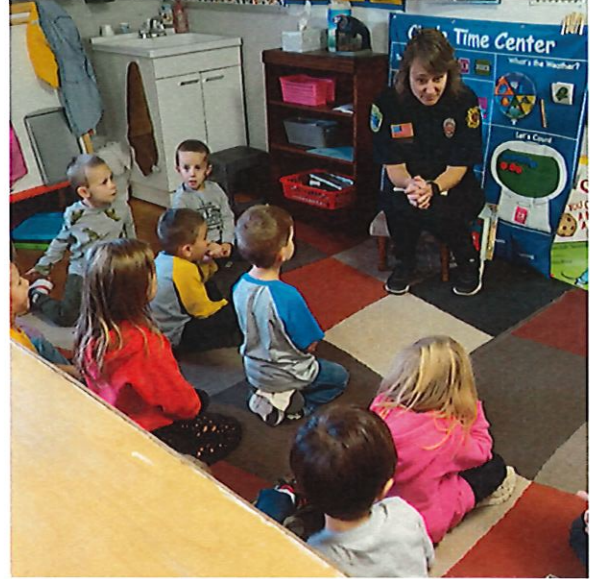
Music: Our Veteran songs have been so fun to learn and we have a few more weeks to practice.

Fire Safety Week: Picture with Mrs. H in her uniform. She told us we have to practice having a safe place.



Reminders

- Graveyard of the Saints 11/3
- Veterans Program 11/10
- NO SCHOOL
- Thanksgiving Break 11/20-11/24



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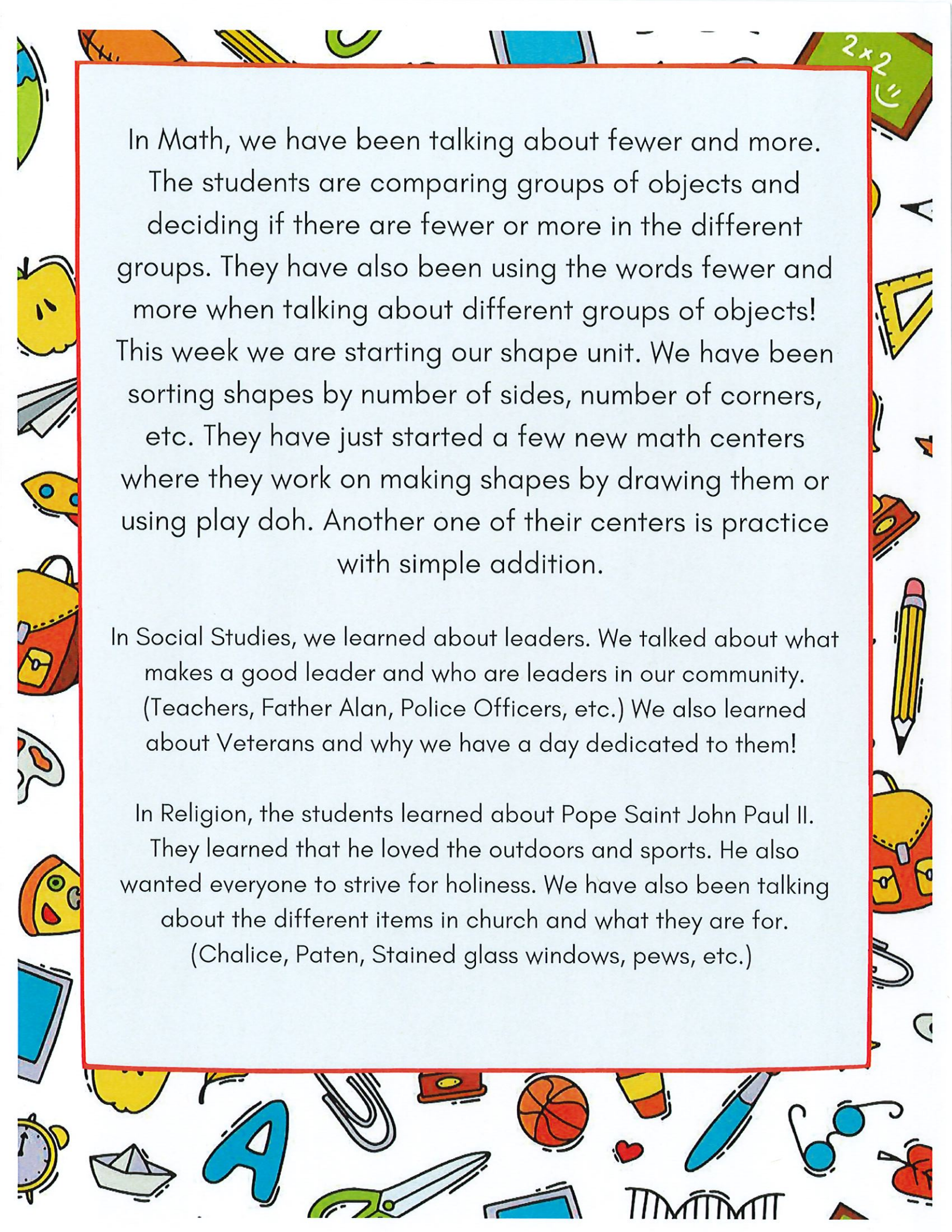




HELLO FROM KINDERGARTEN!

We have been busy in the kindergarten room! From practicing for the Living Rosary last week, to practicing and getting ready for the Veterans Day Program coming up in November! For the Living Rosary- Warrick and Raelynn stood and held the cross up for the whole Rosary- they did a great job! The kindergarteners really took their time making invitations for the veterans for our Veterans Day Program.

In Reading, the students are continuing to meet new Superkids. This week, we have started to blend sounds. We have also been using those blending skills to read words!! The students are very excited to begin reading words!

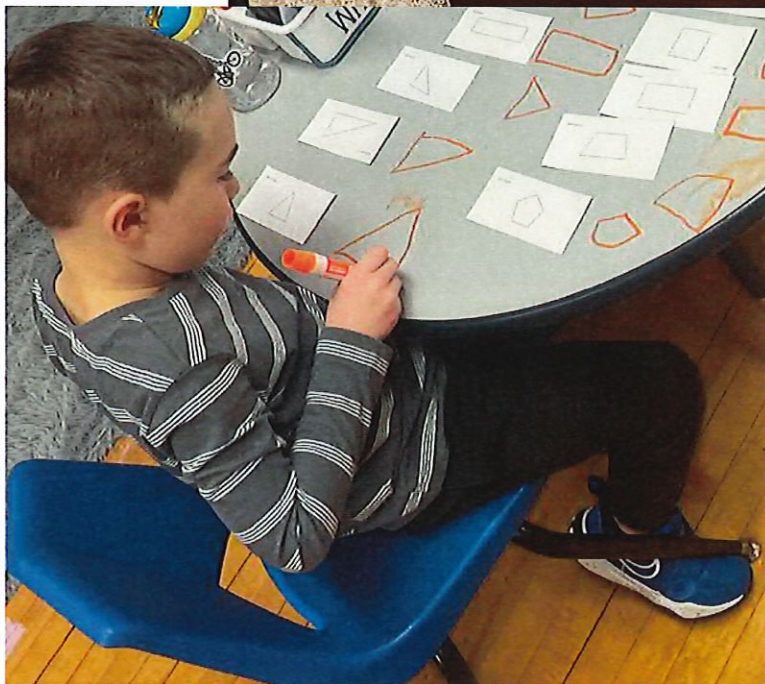
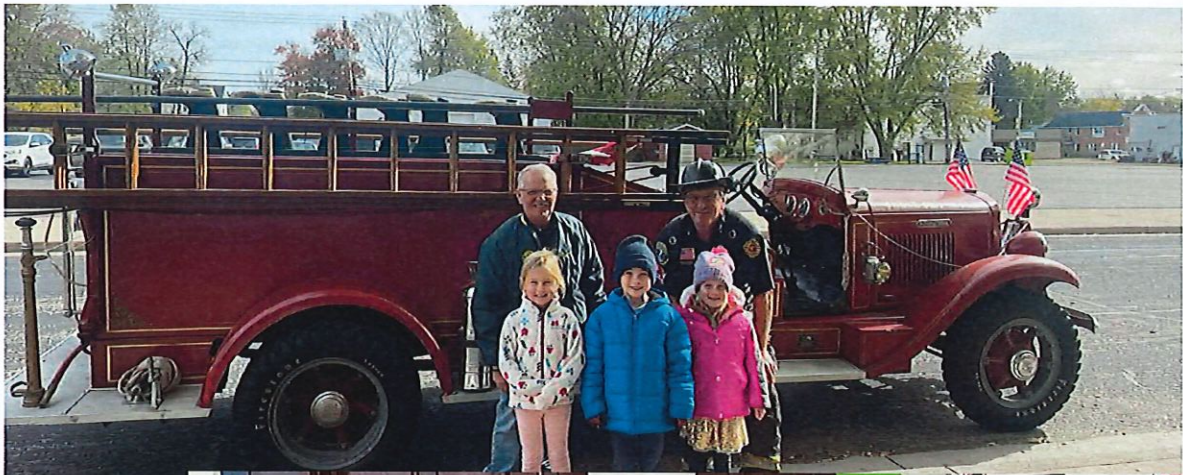


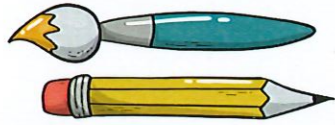
In Math, we have been talking about fewer and more. The students are comparing groups of objects and deciding if there are fewer or more in the different groups. They have also been using the words fewer and more when talking about different groups of objects! This week we are starting our shape unit. We have been sorting shapes by number of sides, number of corners, etc. They have just started a few new math centers where they work on making shapes by drawing them or using play doh. Another one of their centers is practice with simple addition.

In Social Studies, we learned about leaders. We talked about what makes a good leader and who are leaders in our community. (Teachers, Father Alan, Police Officers, etc.) We also learned about Veterans and why we have a day dedicated to them!

In Religion, the students learned about Pope Saint John Paul II. They learned that he loved the outdoors and sports. He also wanted everyone to strive for holiness. We have also been talking about the different items in church and what they are for. (Chalice, Paten, Stained glass windows, pews, etc.)







First Grade!

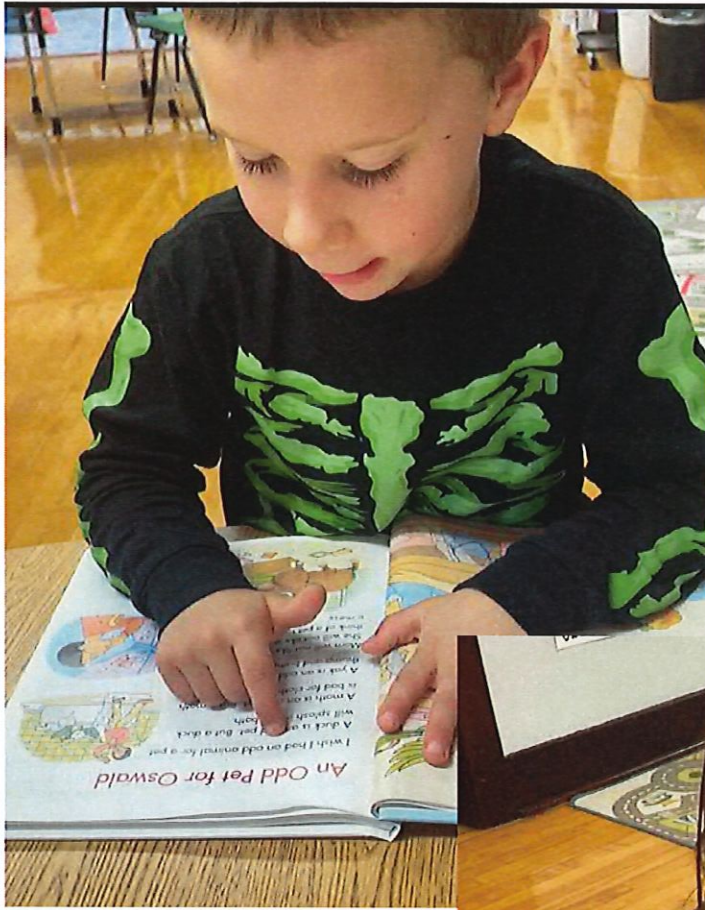
Hello from first grade!

The first grade did a wonderful job with their parts in the Living Rosary last week. They had great speaking voices and were ready to go when it was their turn. Great job first graders!!

In Superkids, the students have been learning about question words. They have been learning how to spell them, what they mean, and how to form a question using these words. They are able to recognize when a sentence is asking a question by looking for the question mark at the end of the sentence and by recognizing the question word. This week we have started looking at words with the /th/ sound. We will continue to read about the adventures the Superkids go on!

In Math, we are continuing our work on story problems. We have found that many of the story problems can be solved two different ways. The students are getting so good at drawing a picture and finding the answer to the story problems using addition and subtraction. Along with solving our story problems, the students have been working on their addition and subtraction facts.





Classroom

NEWSLETTER

October in Grade Two

On October 4th, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, we had our first time to take part in helping at Mass~ something we had been looking forward to since helping last years second graders prepare. Max was a candlebearer, and Klay and Cooper read the petitions. It is really important for us to serve at Mass because this is our First Holy Communion year!

Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic

- In Math, we are getting good at figuring out story problems with 2-digit addition and subtraction. In Superkids, along with becoming better readers and writers, we are learning some life lessons on how to be good friends and classmates.

Grade Two Creators



As we mentioned in the last newsletter, one of our favorite things to do is create! On October 17th, we took part in a webcast titled *Build the Change: Reimagine, Reuse!* sponsored by First Book and the LEGO Group. In the webcast, we learned about how people are working to repurpose old diesel school buses when districts get new electric buses. At the end, they challenged us to use any “junk” we could find to design our own idea of a way to repurpose a bus. Our idea was to make it into an arcade. It was especially exciting to participate in the program because Fischer Bus is getting an electric bus soon, and our own Miss Diane is going to be driving it!

MIRACLE BERRIES!

In our SUPER magazine, we learned about MIRACLE BERRIES. These berries from Africa trick your tastebuds into making everything taste sweet. We were able to try them, and they worked! A lemon turned from face-puckering sour to sweet, and AIR HEADS, which were a little sour and a little sweet, got even sweeter!



SWEET!

ST. JOHN PAUL II AWESOME FACTS

- HE LOVED SKIING AND CONTINUED TO SKI UNTIL HE WAS 73 YEARS OLD.
- HE VISITED 129 COUNTRIES WHILE HE WAS POPE. HIS TRAVELS WOULD EQUAL 3 TIMES THE DISTANCE FROM THE EARTH TO THE MOON.
- HE RECEIVED CONFESSION FROM PADRE PIO IN 1947. HE WOULD CANONIZE HIM 55 YEARS LATER.
- HE KNEW ALL 2000+ BISHOPS OF THE WORLD BY NAME.
- IF YOU PUT TOGETHER EVERYTHING HE WROTE, IT WOULD EQUAL THE LENGTH OF 20 BIBLES



with Grade One

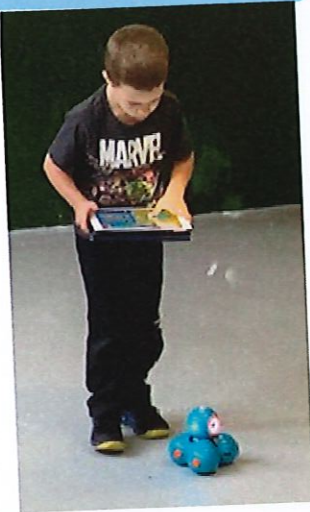
In religion, we spent October getting to know St. Pope John Paul II. In social studies, we are working on our "Then and Now" posters. In science, we are researching ways animals use their structures (body parts) to defend themselves against predators. Our goal is to be able to use science to explain how Spruce the Sea Turtle will survive when she returns to her natural habitat which has sharks in it.



ROBOTS!

As part of our resource time, we are beginning to work with our DASH robots. We had the chance to test our skills steering them around obstacles with the GO! app on our iPads. Soon we will use the BLOCKLY app to learn how to use coding to animate our robot pals.

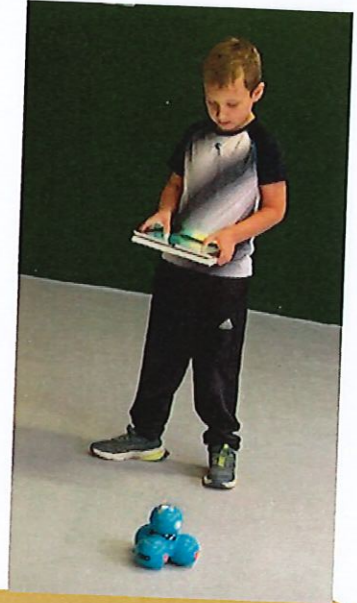
James and Komodo



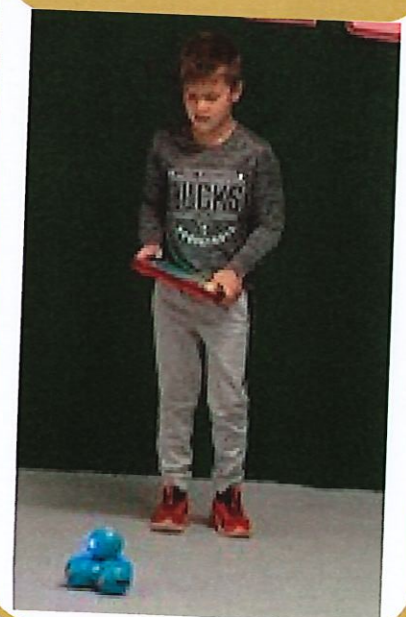
Adie and Ada Byron



Cooper and Figaro



Max and Elon



Connor and Euclid



Klay and Stephen Hawking



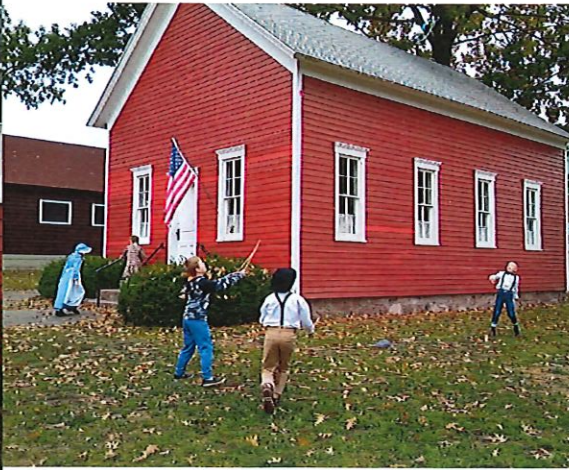
🎃 Happy October from Grades 3&4! Early this month, the blessing of our pets was a highlight! Thank you to all our family members that brought in our pets for their blessing! We were so glad you came! ❤️ Our “Be a Saint” featured Catholic Sprouts Saint for the month has been Pope St. John Paul II The Great. The challenges for the month with St. JP II are: learn and pray the **Veni Creator Spiritus**, be not afraid--do one BIG thing that you have been too afraid to do in the past, pray a whole Rosary on your own, and spend time with an elderly person. Mrs. Werner and Mrs. Seubert deserve our appreciation for making us all Polish style donuts to have for snack after enjoying group activities outside organized by Mrs. Werner. We loved celebrating St. JP II by remembering that he was athletic, that he had strong faith, that he spoke to Our Blessed Mother everyday, and that he was from Poland! With Our Life With Jesus, our Religion text, we are finishing up Unit 2 of and finding out some of the ways King David relates to Jesus as the 10 Commandments are introduced. October 13, we celebrated the 🌻 Miracle of the Sun 🌻 by making our own spinning suns which also happen to be a simple toy from years ago, one that you can also choose to play with at the Little Red Schoolhouse. The students have gotten SO good at getting them to spin, and they're eager to bring them out anytime! It's not even a problem for them to do a “dab” style pose as it spins. Keep an eye on FB for a video demonstration of the spinning. 👍😊

Math 3 is making connections with area and multiplication using tiles, grids, and rectangles. ELA 3/4 has been learning about nearly every possible type of noun--person, place, thing, idea, singular, plural, irregular, abstract, concrete, collective, singular possessive, plural possessive, as a simple subject, as the direct object, and as subject complements. Whew! Who knew there were so many types of nouns? In Social Studies we are off to the Northeast Region. With Reading, we are nearly finished with Little House in the Big Woods. We have been making our way through the seasons of a year in the 1860s.

Finally, we'd like to comment on the wonderful experience we had at the Little Red Schoolhouse on Friday, September 29. We made it through the day without any ink stains on our clothes and survived recess without a football believe it or not. In the game of Graces, also known as French Hoops, the hoop uncharacteristically flew nearly as high as the school! Here's what we liked the best about our day at the Little Red Schoolhouse: **I liked finding out what they did for school in 1904.~Evie, I liked recess.~Jacob, I liked the historic toys and having lunch pails.~Ruthie, I liked recess, lunch, math, and reading.~Kash, I liked writing in ink.~Memphis, I liked playing kickball, the game of Graces, and the Spelling Bee.~Sam.**



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Above, can you see how high the blue hoop is?

To the left below, Sam & Ruthie are showing what they earned from the Spelling Bee.



🎵 Music 345678 have been working on patriotic selections for the Veterans Day program that is being planned for Friday, November 10. They can continue to refer back to the Music Google Classroom for study resources. We look forward to a great program to thank and honor Veterans. May we keep them and all service personnel serving currently in our prayers.

Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind and author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces. Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. Amen.

~United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

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October Newsletter from Mrs. Michlig




5 Math

We have completed our unit I detailing volume and we have begun to learn about fractions as quotients and fraction multiplication. Practicing those multiplication and division facts will be helpful as we move forward!




5/6 ELA

We have completed our personal narratives and have begun learning about how to write a "how-to" article. In grammar, we have been studying pronouns, and we are just finishing our novel study with Gary Paulsen's *Hatchet*. The students are looking forward to reading *Holes*, by Louis Sachar, next quarter!




5/6 Religion

We have begun our Theology of the Body study in religion, where we are using Pope St. John Paul II's curriculum to study scripture to understand more about the gift of creation and our place within it.




7/8 Geography

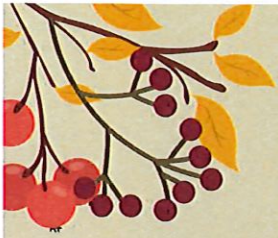
We have completed our topic 1 about an introduction to geography and our topic 2, where we learned about the United States and Canada. Students learned about the geography of the area, the culture of the people, and the challenges that face both nations.



5/6 Social Studies

So far we have learned about Prehistory, Mesopotamia, Egypt, Israel, and ancient Greece. The students have spent much of October learning about the culture and civilization of the Ancient Greeks.

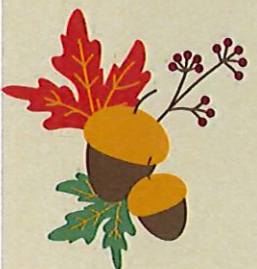




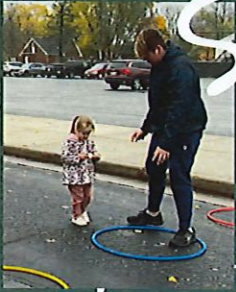
The middle school students had a great time carving pumpkins for fall! Thank you to Pumpkin Hollow in Edgar for the pumpkin donation!



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This Month In 7/8 Homeroom

The 7/8 grade students have really stepped into mature, leadership roles. They recently went to confession and prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet. They were helpful and supportive at the celebration for St. Pope John Paul II. Keep up the good work, students!



Living Rosary!



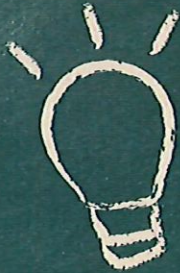
Upcoming School Activities

- Graveyard of the Saints
- Veterans Day Assembly
- Saint of the Month

Middle School Subjects

Students continue to work hard in Math. Sixth graders have been learning about ratios, 7th graders have been focusing on proportional relationships, and 8th graders are learning about slope. All grades are brushing up on their computation skills using XtraMath, an online program.

In Science, 5/6 grade students continue to learn about stars, the sun, and earth. Our upcoming field trip to the Wausau West Planetarium will fit right in! The 7/8 grade class is investigating how the Earth's plates move.



A Note From Ms. Wozny



October really flew by, didn't it? I think everyone appreciated the beauty of God's world this month. I'm looking forward to November with honoring our Veterans and thinking ahead to Christmas!

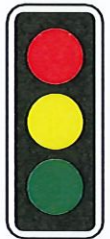


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Phy. Ed NEWSLETTER

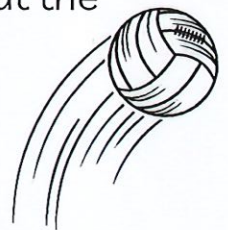
3K-4K

We have been working on catching and throwing! They were also introduced to red light green light and absolutely love playing it.



1ST Grade- 4TH Grade

Elementary school started their volleyball unit and have been working on their bumping and setting skills throughout the days.



5TH Grade - 8TH Grade

Middle school has been working on their volleyball unit as well and it is coming to an end. We will be starting our basketball unit soon!





St John the Baptist

Upcoming Youth Events



Jesu Vesperi Youth Night
(Formerly Family Fun Night)

10/30/2023

5:30 - 7:00 pm
St John's Dining Hall

Youth Night
With Mr. Martinez

11/6/2023

5:30 - 7:00 pm
Youth Room @ Rectory

National Catholic Youth Conference

Nov 16-19, 2023



Youth--FULLY ALIVE!
*Scan here for more info

Youth Night

With Mr. Martinez

11/23/2023

5:30 - 7:00 pm
Youth Room @ Rectory

Sealed-Confirmation Retreats
All 9-10th Grade Students

12/9/2023
& 3/2/2024

Eau Claire
Stevens Point

Diocesan Retreats
Contact Nancy if interested

Salvation Army Bell Ringing
With a meal to follow

12/9/2023

4:00 - 6:00 pm
Watch for more details

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MOM & DAD'S NIGHT OUT
Brought to you by our Archangel Youth Group

12/6/2023

4:00 - 7:30 pm
St John's Dining Hall

Youth Night

With Mr. Martinez

12/11/2023

5:30 - 7:00 pm
Youth Room @ Rectory

Youth & Adult Christmas Caroling
With activities & card making for younger children

12/20/2023

Youth Night
Jesu Vesperi

6:30 - 7:45 pm
Meet at Church

Pilgrimage for Life

Diocese of LaCrosse

Jan 17-21, 2024
Ages 13 & up

More details to come
Scan here for more info:



THE ANSWER
Eucharistic Rally
Diocese of LaCrosse

6/7/2024
Scan for more info:
Adults & Youth Welcome



Bus trip to LaCrosse
Contact Nancy if interested
More details to come

ADVENTURE CAMP

All Youth Grades 6-12

Mason, WI
June 23-28, 2023

Contact Nancy if interested
Scan for more info:



Watch for future updates on 2024 Events to Come

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- Mail
- Inbox 62
- Starred
- Snoozed
- Chat
- Sent
- Drafts 2
- More
- Spaces
- Meet

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Such as:
 Jesu Vesperi dates *10/30 11/27*
 Youth nights dates *11-4 12/11*
 Bell Ringing *4:40 PM 12-9*
 Pilgrimage for Life *June 2024*
 the Answer Adventure Camp *- Nancy's EM.*

N Nancy Hackel to me

Not really--We can have one flyer with information on one side for the youth and the other side for the adults.

Adults:
 St. Joseph Family Consecration
 The 'One Thing' is Three Retreat
 Bell Ringing

*Carlson CCD - Dec 20th 6:30-7:45
 Carol making yogurt 5:30-7:00
 students.*

N Nancy Hackel to me

Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army will be Saturday, December 9, 2023 from 4-6 pm. A meal following.

D Dorrie Martyn to Nancy

working on it

Dec 6th

Reply Forward

Message sent