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**School Newsletter  
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**Upcoming School/Parish Events**

- April 8 thru 11 - Dress up week
- April 8 - H&S meeting @ 6:30 pm (child care provided)
- April 8 - Jesu Vesperi @ 5:30 pm
- April 10 & 11 - Field trip to MASC (4k - 8th grade)
- April 12 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service
- April 12 - Middle School Dance
- April 17 - Forensics @ St. Anthony's
- April 17 - Middle & High School Youth Rally @ St. Brons
- April 18 - 7th/8th Grade large group band festival
- April 24 - Grandparents Day following Mass

**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!

He is not here,  
for  
He has risen.

Matthew 28:6



**2024-2025 School Year Registration**

Thank you to all who have registered, it is not too late to register so please make sure to let your friends know how wonderful St. John's School is!

**Cold Weather Gear**

Although we had an unusual warm winter, spring as been just as odd with snow and cold weather. Please make sure your child(ren) have the correct clothes and gear for snow, rain, and the cold weather. Jackets are required if the temperature is below 40 degree.

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**Summer Program**

Registration for our new Summer Program is now open! Registration is open for students who have completed 3K through 4th grade. Students who have completed 5th grade and up are welcome to help for the program. Check out the link in the email for more information.

**Middle School Dance**

Our middle schoolers have been working very hard to make sure they have a very successful 1st annual middle school dance! The dance will be on April 12th for all 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.

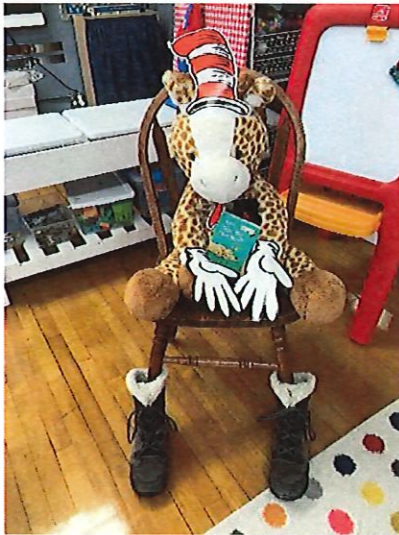


## MARCH NEWS FOR 3K

A new month begins with learning the letter "S" and also with a fun week of celebrating Dr. Seuss and his silly books. We started our fun by reading the book "The Cat in the Hat" and learning about all his antics. We then made our own Cat in a Hat face masks and turned into seventeen little Cat in the Hats! Everyone worked hard painting and gluing and a little bit of scissor cutting until we had it all complete, bow tie and all. We continued the week hearing more Dr. Seuss books read by our guests Mrs. Halvorsen and Mr. Martinez. We snacked on green eggs and ham (pretzels with white chocolate and green M&M's) and also truffala treats. On Wednesday we heard the story entitled "Wacky Wednesday" where everything was all wacky in the town for the day. So on Friday we created "Wacky Friday" and the 3K students dressed wacky such as mismatched shoes and socks, clothes backwards or inside out, or just silly things we wore. To the children's surprise the 3K classroom was also wacky and the Cat in the Hat was up to no good in their room overnight. They found stuffed animals in their seats, socks and boots on table and chair legs, boots hanging from the ceiling, toys a mess, and things upside down. They were delighted and excited! Would our room ever be back to normal again?



Our little Cat in the Hats



To the children's disappointment they did find the classroom back to normal the next week but we moved on to learn about St. Patrick and the special day celebrating him. We painted shamrocks with rolling pins wrapped in bubble wrap and green paint and learned about the Trinity which begins with our newest letter "T".

We also continued our journey through Lent and each day put a sticker on a path that leads to Easter.

In the days to follow came the first day of Spring even though our weather didn't represent it well. The time had finally come for our hibernating bear to come out of his den that he had been sleeping in all winter. First we heard the story "Old Bear" about a bear in hibernation who dreams of spring. Then after a countdown our bear came out from his cardboard cave much to the children's excitement.

Our final week before Spring break vacation was focused on learning about Holy Week. Each of the children worked together to form two palm branches created from their handprints and we talked about Palm Sunday. We continued our study about Holy Week with Easter stories and learning about Jesus' Last Supper with His apostles, His dying on the cross, and then put into the tomb. But they also learned that even though this was sad, the good news is that Jesus rose from the dead and is alive! Each of these events are on display on the bulletin board in our hallway and when the children come back after Spring break they will find a picture of Jesus outside the tomb in His glory.



As a surprise from the Stencil family the children enjoyed seeing real baby lambs brought in from their farm.

We also had some fun before break coloring eggs and painting them with markers. The children were very proud of their creations.





Another surprise that the children are hoping to see is something new in the jar that we have been filling throughout Lent with dried beans for doing good deeds, being good listeners, being good friends, etc. Our theme was "Pull Out Weeds, Plant Good Seeds." We will have to wait until we get back to see if our jar has a surprise or not! We will let you know next month!

**We wish you all a blessed Easter season!**

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# 4K Newsletter

Our Classroom Letter

## Upcoming Events

April 10th-11th  
Swimming

April 24 -  
Grandparent's Day

## Our classroom



## This Month

Phonics- The sight words have been the biggest thing we have been working on this month. We have talked about can, see, to, a, I, and now the.

Math- We have continued working on our 10-20 numbers. They have been working very hard with these and I am beyond proud of all of them.

## Reminders

Spring is very strange in Wisconsin please watch the weather and bring the appropriate outdoor and school clothes for your child.

We are starting swimming coming up in April for our students. They are very excited



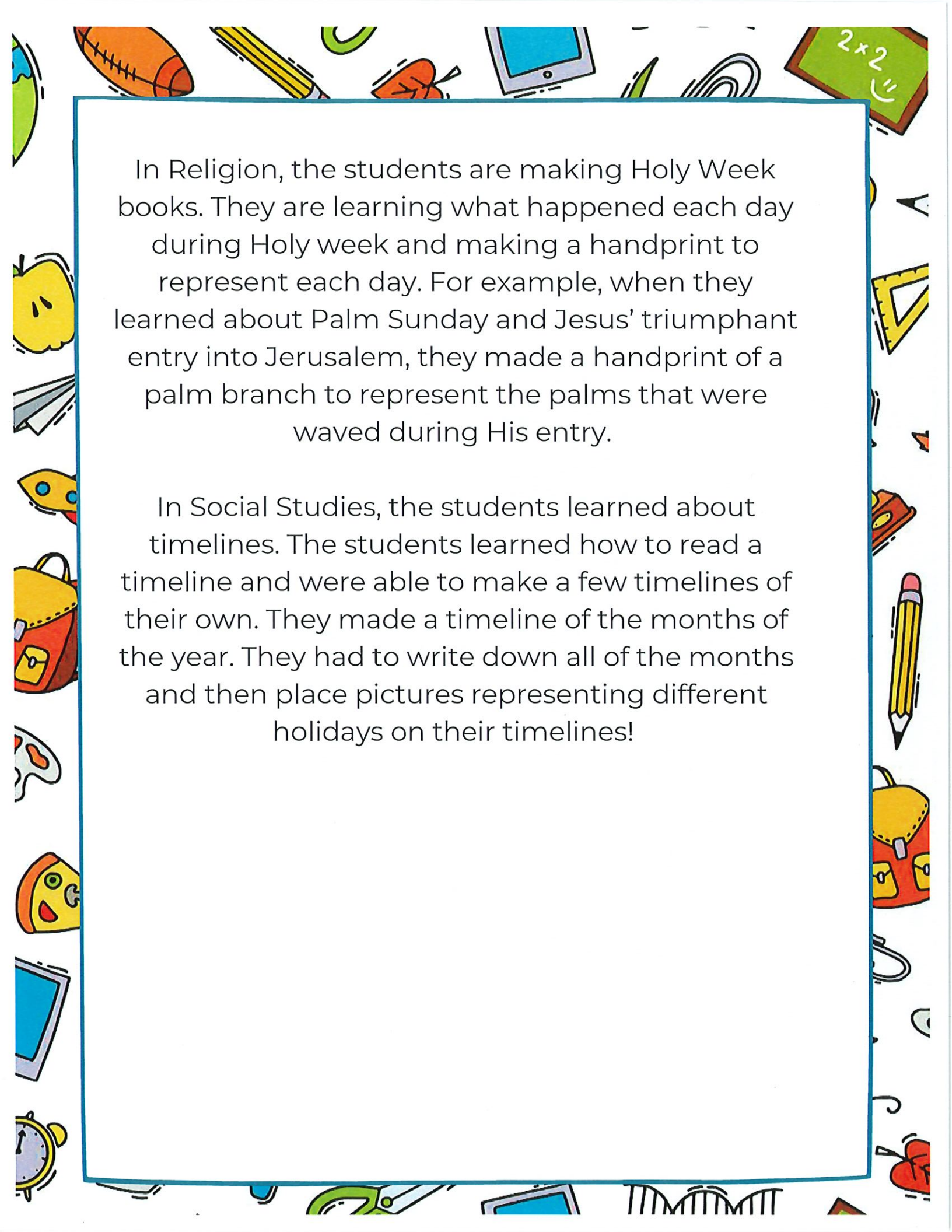
## K/1 HOMEROOM!

Hello from the kindergarten/first grade room! Hope everyone had a wonderful Easter and spring break! We came back to a very busy and fun week with swimming and the presentation on Casa Hogar!

In Superkids, the kindergarteners are continuing to read and blend sounds together. They are learning more and more sight words! They are becoming more confident in their reading skills!

In Math, the students are continuing to practice addition and subtraction facts through games and flash cards. They are starting to learn about solid shapes! We will be comparing solid shapes and flat shapes. The students were challenged to put flat shapes together to make a new shape. After working with the shapes for a while, they were able to do it!





In Religion, the students are making Holy Week books. They are learning what happened each day during Holy week and making a handprint to represent each day. For example, when they learned about Palm Sunday and Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, they made a handprint of a palm branch to represent the palms that were waved during His entry.

In Social Studies, the students learned about timelines. The students learned how to read a timeline and were able to make a few timelines of their own. They made a timeline of the months of the year. They had to write down all of the months and then place pictures representing different holidays on their timelines!



## First Grade

In Superkids, the first graders are continuing to read and learn different reading rules. They have been learning about adjectives and comparing them. They have also been decoding words that end in -y -ier and -iest. They continue to learn new sight words, and seem to enjoy playing sight word memory match!

In Math, the first grade has been learning about solid shapes. They have been dividing shapes into two and four equal parts. They then learned that if there were two equal parts it is called halves and if there are four it is called fourths. They are getting very quick at their addition and subtraction skills. We will continue dividing shapes into equal parts. The students will learn that dividing a shape into more equal parts creates smaller pieces.

In the month of March, we celebrated Read Across America Week, Dr. Seuss's birthday, and we also had the opportunity to pet baby sheep!



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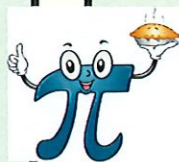
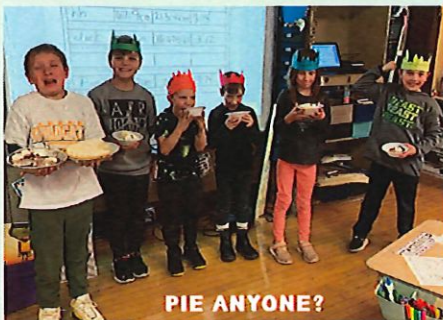
# Classroom News

## March into Grade Two

With only three weeks of school, we were still able to "March forth" into some good learning. In Math we wrapped up our unit on Time and Money. We still ask Mrs. Werner what time it is, but now she makes us figure it out ourselves! Our SUPER Magazine taught us lots of fun things about color. In Religion we are learning the *Apostles' Creed* and studying the *Eucharistic Prayer* as we continue to get ready for First Holy Communion on May 5th. Please continue praying for us!

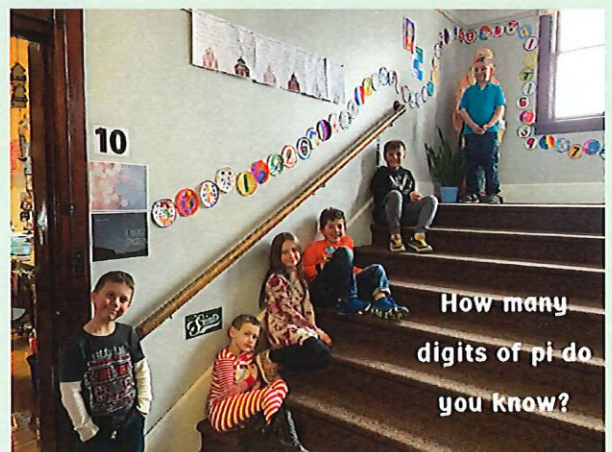


Our favorite colors:  
Klayton~green  
Max~dark green  
Cooper~green  
Mrs. Werner~chartreuse



## Anybody Want Some PI?

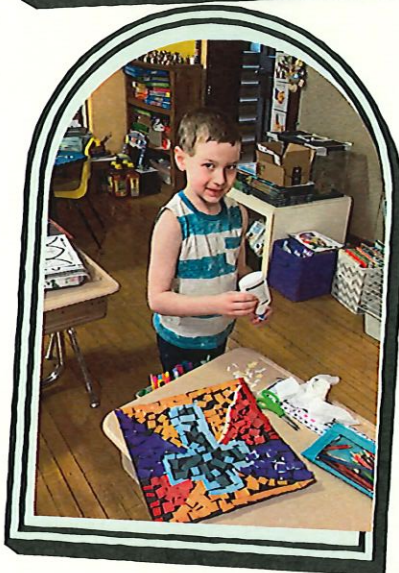
One of Mrs. Werner's favorite days of the year is Pi Day, March 14th~3.14. She likes the day so much, we made a whole week of it making Pi Day hats, graphing the frequency of the first 100 digits of pi, measuring circles to calculate pi, and eating pie.





## Holy Week Art

Spring Break this year was the same week as Holy Week, so we spent some time reflecting on Palm Sunday and the Easter Triduum before we left for break. One of the activities we did was a mosaic crucifix. It took a lot of careful work, but we are pretty happy with how they turned out. Upon our return to school, we will do several more projects through the 50 days of the Easter Season.



## ELECTRIC BUS!

Last Fall our second grade class attended a virtual workshop to learn about electric buses because we found out Edgar was getting one, and Miss Diane was going to drive it. She promised we could take a look at it when it was ready to go. Well, our long wait finally paid off! Along with first grade, the second grade boys got to see the new bus and learn more about it from Miss Diane. One really cool thing is how quiet it is when it is running. It is so quiet that Miss Diane said when the bus goes under 25 mph, it makes noise so people will know the bus is coming!!!



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☘ Did March go out like a lion or a lamb? The weather sure is keeping us guessing!

With the focus on the 40 Martyrs during Lent, St. Katherine Drexel, our Sprout Saint of the Month received limited attention. The month's challenges still are great goals--Memorize the words of Jesus in **Matthew 25:40**, practice generosity by **giving alms to the poor**, make Jesus central to all you do and **visit Jesus in Adoration**, and **entrust your troubles to God**.

🏠 Happy Easter everyone!! Our Life With Jesus Religion text followed the church year fairly closely with the chapters **Jesus Rises in Splendor** and **The Coming of the Holy Spirit**. Following that birthday of the church with the coming of the Holy Spirit, we will see how we are part of God's family on Earth and what is our life in the Church.

**Math 3** is wrapping up their unit on fractions. Along with Grade 4, they are doing a ✨phenomenal✨ job with the SpringBoard Challenge 2024 hosted by Splash Learn! They have been maintaining 1st place in Wisconsin and have been earning multiple weekly certificates. Capitalization and punctuation is up next for **ELA 3/4**. For **Social Studies 3/4** we are in the Southwest, the region Ruthie's family recently had a chance to enjoy during break and that she was excited to tell us about. **Reading 3/4** is only beginning to find out how challenging it is for Peter to have Fudge for a sibling in Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing.

🎵 Music 345678 Did you pick the winner? 32 MARCHES. 4 WEEKS. 1 CHAMPION. Here's a link to the SOUSA's 2024 Champion Reveal: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g7n-SPMSX7I> Drew, Claire, and Lily had the Champion in their winner's circle. We also had a chance to enjoy the Missoula workshop and **King Arthur's Quest**. Great job to everyone who auditioned and to those who worked hard to learn their parts within the week! Evie, Maria, Isla, Lily, Ellie, Elizabeth, and Abby were all fantastic!



Our Last Supper craft

### Words of Jesus

*"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." ~ Matthew 25:40*

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Above-Outside for Pi Day  
Below-Missoula workshop

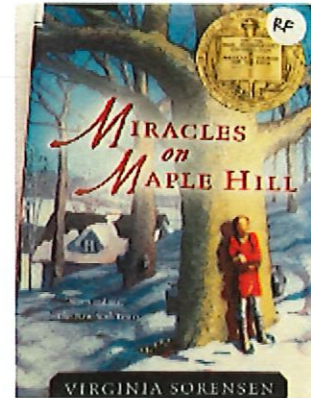


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## 5th/6th Grade Newsletter

Over the last month has been a blast for the 5th and 6th graders. We had a switch up in teachers and class as Mrs. Marcus left. Mrs. Halvorsen and Mr. Radtke have taken over the classes. Their day now starts with English/ ELA and has been very fun as they have been going over current world events. They have most recently started to dive into the book "Miracle on Maple Hill" which starts out with a girl going North of Pittsburg and learning about the joys of Maple syrup.



It is followed by Math then Science where the 5th graders have spent a majority of their time mastering their handling of double and triple digit multiplication and division. What started out as something that was hard, has turned into something that can be solved quickly. Just ask them, though give them some paper and expect some complaining.

In Religion, there was a focus on the forgiveness of Sin. Towards the end of Lent, we went over to the church and received the sacrament of Reconciliation. During this time we also prayed a Rosary to Mary asking for her to pray to her son to keep us in his grace even though we are prone to fall again. There has also been the focus of the divinity of Jesus and how he Father, Son and Holy spirit are all one.



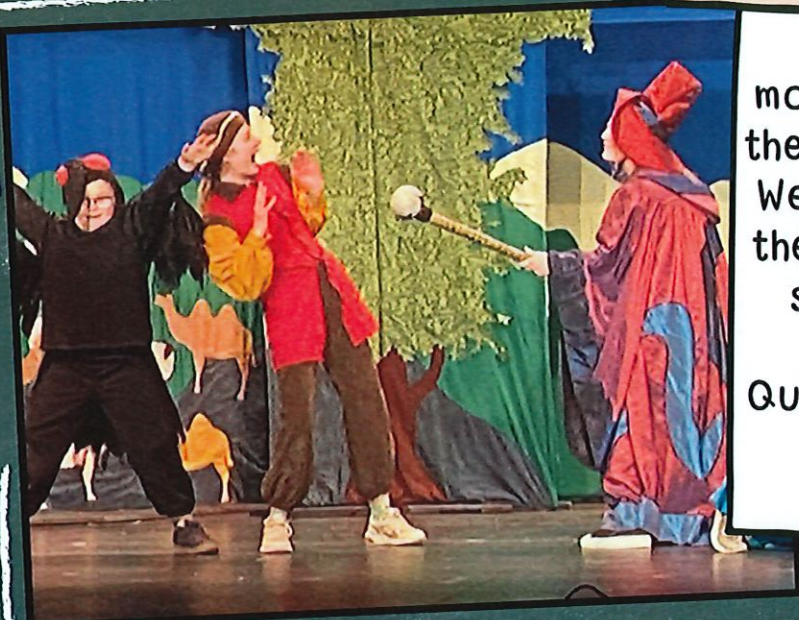
As a class, for the honor flight, the 5th and 6th graders made cards. Most specifically for George Griesman, a veteran from our parish. We would all like to extend our thanks for his service, especially since he served in a time where veterans were valued very poorly.



# School Newsletter

## This Month In 7/8 Homeroom

March was another productive month for the middle school! With the approach of spring break, Holy Week, and the end of 3rd quarter, the students worked hard to finish strong. A highlight included the Missoula play "King Arthur's Quest," which coincided nicely with the Forensics program. Keep persevering, students!



## Missoula Children's Theatre



## Upcoming School Activities

- Swimming Lessons
- Forensics at St. Anthony's
- Saint of the Month



# Middle School Subjects

Students continue to work hard in Math. Sixth grade is learning about exponents. 7th has been focusing on inequalities and how they are used in real-world situations. 8th graders will soon take a test on two-tables and scatter plot interpretation.

In Science, 5/6 grade students are finishing their unit on the water cycle. The 7/8 graders also started a new unit. They are now learning about chemical reactions. The middle school students will start to work on their science fair projects over the next several weeks.

In religion, the 7/8 graders will continue learning about the sacraments and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.



There is a legend in which eggs can stand on end on the first day of spring. I had to test this theory. This picture is from 2 days after the first day of spring!



## A Note From Ms. Wozny

As 4th quarter starts, I begin to ask myself where the time went this school year! This quarter is always packed with events and end of the year projects. I look forward to working with the students on the yearbook, the Science Fair, and graduation! It is a good time to reflect on successes, such as the St. Joseph prayer service. Great work, students!



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# P.E. NEWSLETTER

## ***Middle School***



The fifth and sixth graders were excited to try the jump roping endurance challenge. They will be learning about weightlifting in their next unit. After spring break they will have a chance to use the Edgar School districts Wellness Center.

## ***Elementary School***



Elementary school was able to be outside this month. We have finished up our jump roping unit for the year! Both middle and elementary school will be going swimming as part of our PE Unit as well.

## ***Preschool***



Preschool was able to spend lots of time outside enjoying the weather and using their balancing skills on the play ground! When we were unable to go outside we practiced our throwing skills.

Hello from Art!

As mentioned in the last newsletter, older students have been steadily working on a long term project: a gothic style stained glass looking paper collage made from many magazine pictures cut up by various colors and reassembled to create an easter themed scene from holy week. I had hoped we would have these up for Easter but many are still in progress. Thank goodness the Easter season is not over for several more weeks! Watch for more pictures in the May newsletter. Some of the younger students were able to do a smaller version with a cross. These were up during the lenten fish fry nights and gave a good idea of the process. Below is an early picture of my demonstration collage' of Saint Joseph made for a display in Stratford. Imagine



the whole black space of his robe filled in with burgundy and green and then black sharpie marker lines outlining all the individual paper pieces so as to look like lead came in a stained glass window and you get the idea. It's easy to see why it's a long term project.

Younger students were also busy creating tulip egg carton gardens. These too never quite made it out in time for the Easter breakfast decoration but they sure might look great on the tables for grandparents day. Blessings to you! Sincerely,

Lois Wierzba

