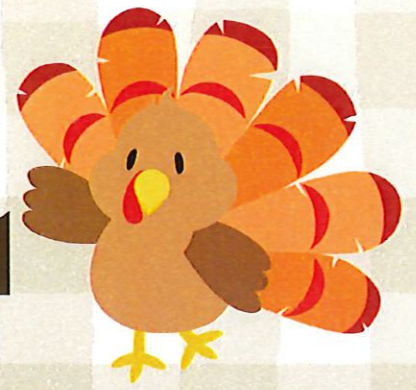


NEWS FROM THE 3K CLASSROOM



NOVEMBER 2024

What We Learned

Thank you Veteran's!

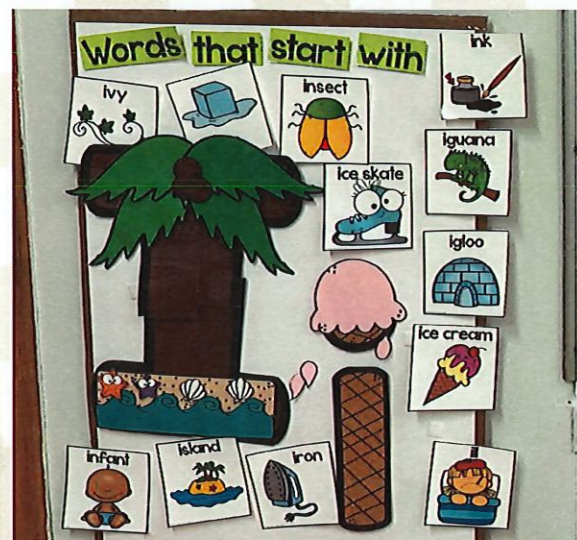
The students that were able to join us did a great job at the Veteran's Day program! If you have not watched it yet, you can do so on the St. John's YouTube channel.

Focus Wall

We are up to the letter I and the number 9. The kids love bringing the letters to life on our letter board each week.

Thanksgiving

The kids learned about how the Native Americans had helped the Pilgrims and the celebration they had because they were so grateful. We spent time making feather headpieces and pilgrim hats, along with painting teepee's and turkey's!



4K CLASSROOM NEWS

PUMPKIN PAINTING FUN!



We were able to get together with the kindergarten class paint pumpkins and have a party!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Show and Tell

- Dec. 19th-20th
- Letter L

Keep practicing for our upcoming Christmas program on Dec. 15th



WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Literacy

We love learning our letters each week. Our hippo for H were our favorite!



Graveyard of the Saints

On All Saints Day we learned about so many saints. The big kids put on a show where they talked to us and answered our questions!



Football Pep Rally

We had so much fun hyping up the Edgar football team on their journey to state!



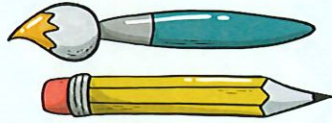
REMINDERS

- 4K loved bringing up the gifts to Father Alan at mass this month!
- Make sure we have all our snow gear when we come back to school!

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Keep learning. But, above all, keep having fun".

Greta Mae Evans



KINDERGARTEN

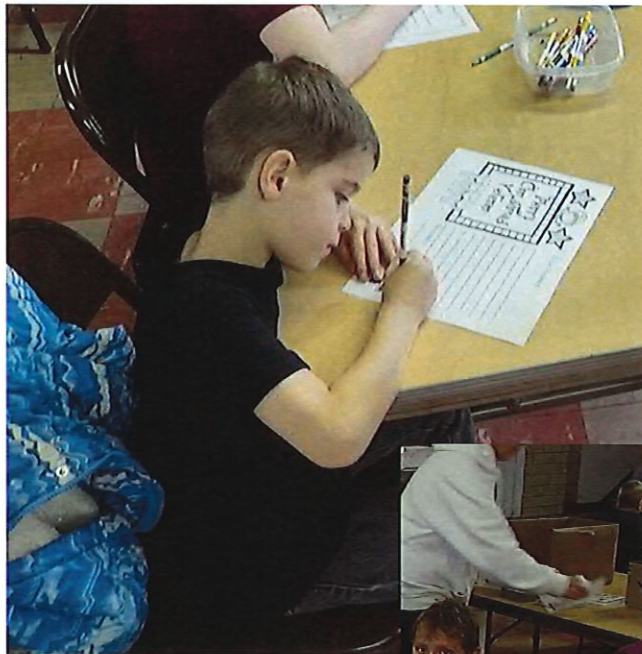
Hello from the Kindergarten room!

In Superkids, the students have been practicing blending sounds and reading words! They have been reading about the adventures the Superkids go on, they have a lot of fun reading what kind of adventure the kids are going on! The students have also learned some new letters, sounds and new Superkids. They are enjoying learning these through games, play, and exercise. For example, we have played a few games where the students take turns reading sounds to move on, and also through exercise by jumping or clapping when they hear certain sounds in a word.

In Math, we have finished our unit on shapes and will begin talking about addition. The students enjoyed comparing shapes and also seemed to have fun using shapes to make new shapes. For example, they would put triangles together to make a hexagon. The students will continue to write numbers and count each day. We have started to skip count in our warm up each day as well!

In Religion, we have talked about what we are thankful for and how we are very blessed to have so much to be thankful for. We also discussed how we can show gratitude, not just during this time of the year, but all year long. We will begin talking about Advent when we come back from break.

The students have been doing great with their classroom jobs. They have shown how responsible they are and take pride in their work. We had a lot of fun making Christmas cards during our saint of the month party!





GRADES 1 & 2

November Newsletter

In November, we take time to think about all the reasons we have to be thankful. To help us, we wrote down something every day that we are thankful for and put them in our "Thankful Pumpkins." By Thanksgiving, we had 28 things to be thankful for! We would like to take a moment here to add one more thing...We are thankful for all of those in our school, parish, and community who support us through kind words and prayers. We are blessed!

Saint of the Month

Our November Saint of the Month was St. Josaphat, model of Patriotism. During our Saint of the Month Club Party we got together in multiage groups to make Christmas cards for our veterans.

Geologists!

In science, we started our unit on *Changing Landforms*. In this unit we will be geologists helping Director Higgins at Oceanside Recreation Center decide whether the recreation center's cliff is safe.

How to Catch a Turkey

We read the book "How to Catch a Turkey." In the book, the turkey becomes the school mascot. We drew turkeys dressed as our mascot...the Saints. Check out the photos on our "November Album" page and see if you recognize any of them before you check the answers on the bottom!

Hands-on Math

In first grade we used ten frames and counters to help us learn about teen numbers. In second grade we used centimeters, meters, inches, feet, and yards to measure many things in the classroom. Photos are on our "November Album" page.

Our Mission Statement

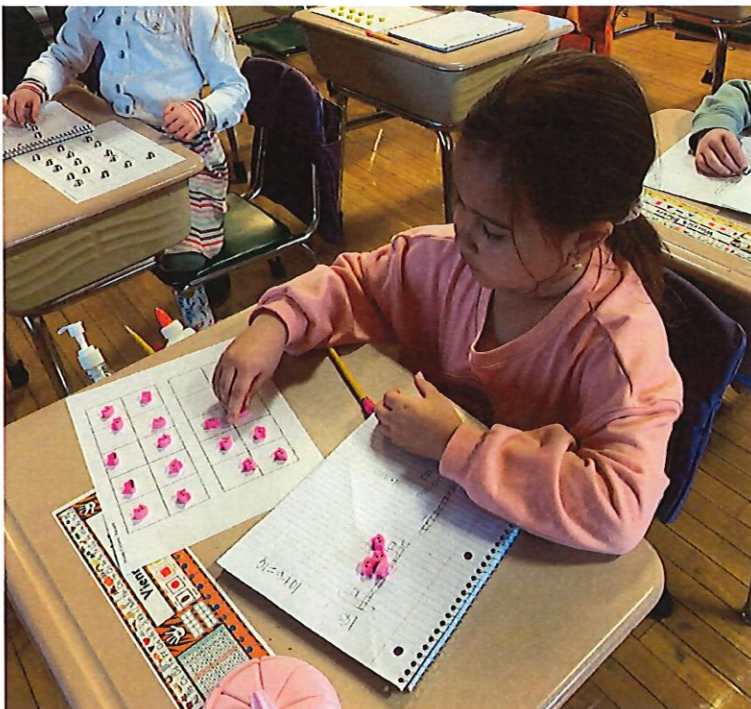
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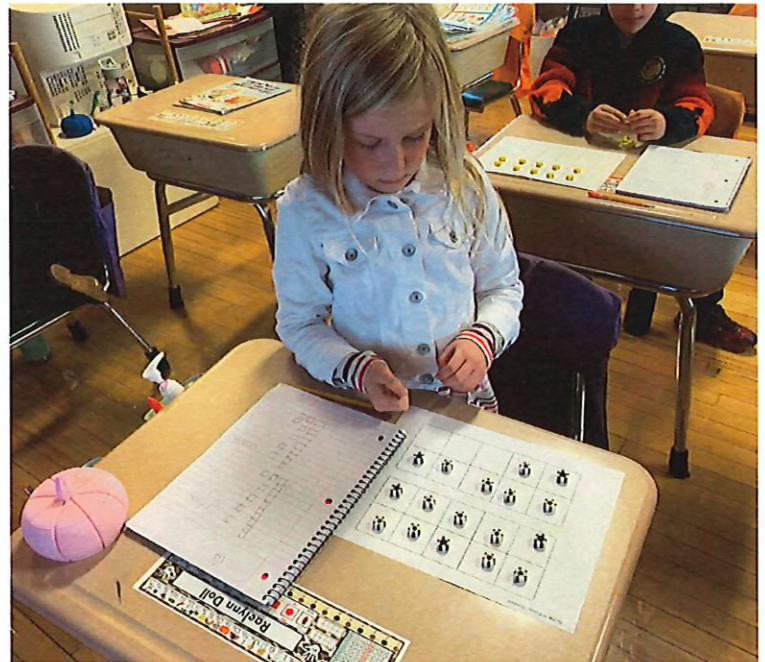
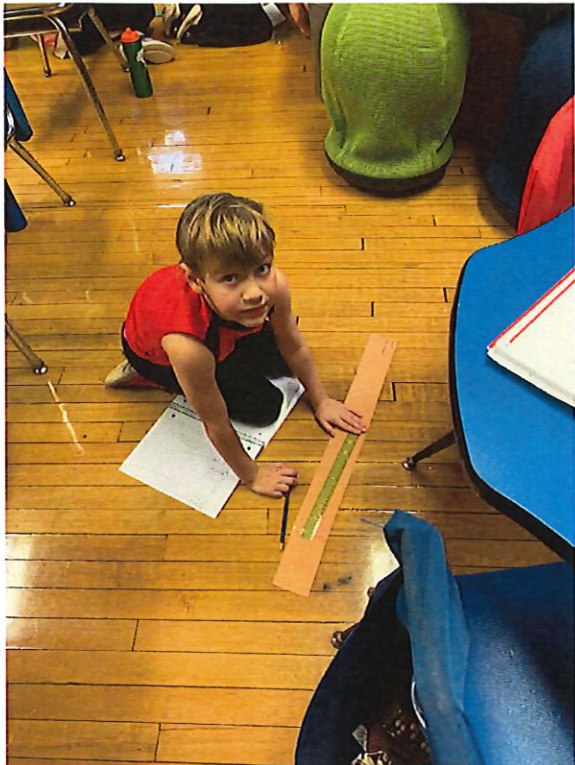
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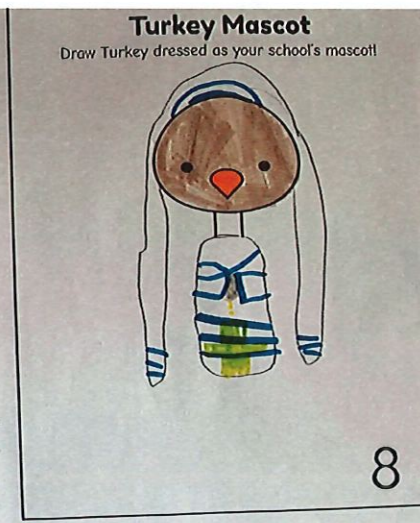
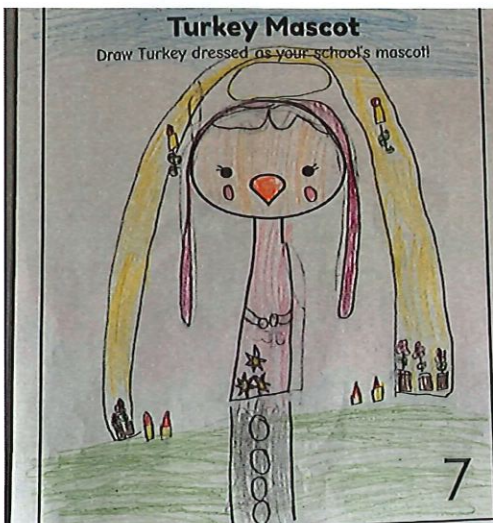
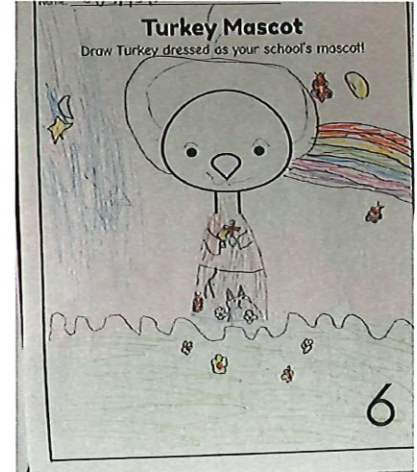
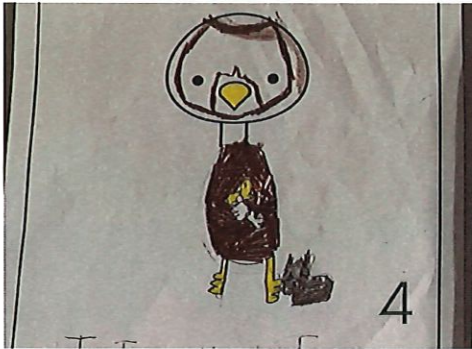
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GRADES 1 & 2

November Album/Saintly Turkeys



1. Our Lady of Guadalupe
2. St. Elizabeth of Hungary
3. St. Cecilia
4. St. Francis of Assisi
5. St. Michael the Archangel
6. St. Francis of Assisi
7. St. Elizabeth of the Visitation
8. St. Teresa of Calcutta

3RD AND 4TH GRADE

NEWSLETTER



Social Studies

In social studies we had been learning about Community Environments. In Chapter 5 we learned that our environment that we live in has different climates. We also looked at understanding the resources that are in a community.

Chapter 6 was about places where communities start. The focus points of the chapter were on; a mountain community, a water community and having to do with a crossroads community where roads and railroad are built around.

Events

- Dec 15th School Christmas program
- Dec 23rd - Jan 1st Christmas break

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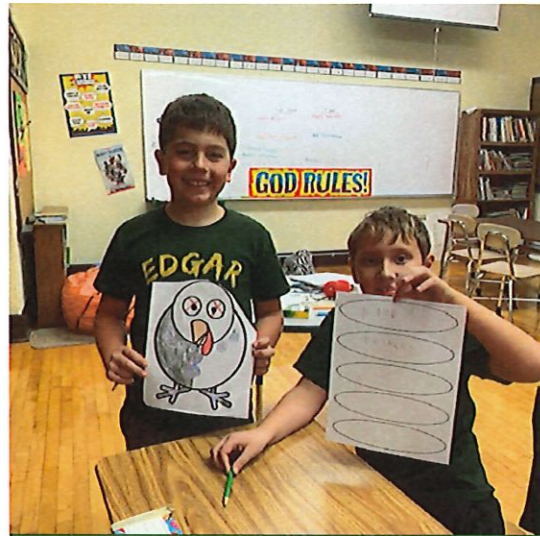
3rd Grade

English

Our class started Module 2. The new module is about outer space. So far we have learned about a man named Galileo Galilei. The focus question is "How did Galileo learn about space?". As a class, we are learning about the ways that Galileo studied space.

Math

In class we started Unit 3; which has to do with "Wrapping up Addition and Subtraction" within 1,000. So far in class, we have focused on adding tens and hundred numbers together. We have been able to understand different algorithms and methods to solve the problems.



Thankful Turkey



Religion

For religion, Ms. Hackel has been teaching about Adam and Eve and the discovery of the first sin which entered the world when the snake (the devil) had tricked Eve to eat the fruit off the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God had been displeased with Adam and Eve with the sin that they did. After that they were punished for disobeying God. Following, we read about the first Adam and Eve's two children; Cain and Abel. They both gave an offering to God, although God was pleased with Abel's sacrifice because he gave his best unlike Cain who did not. Cain was jealous and hated Abel because of how God had been pleased with him and therefore killed him. From there, we started to learn about Noah's trust in God, when he was told to build the Ark he did what God had asked him to do.



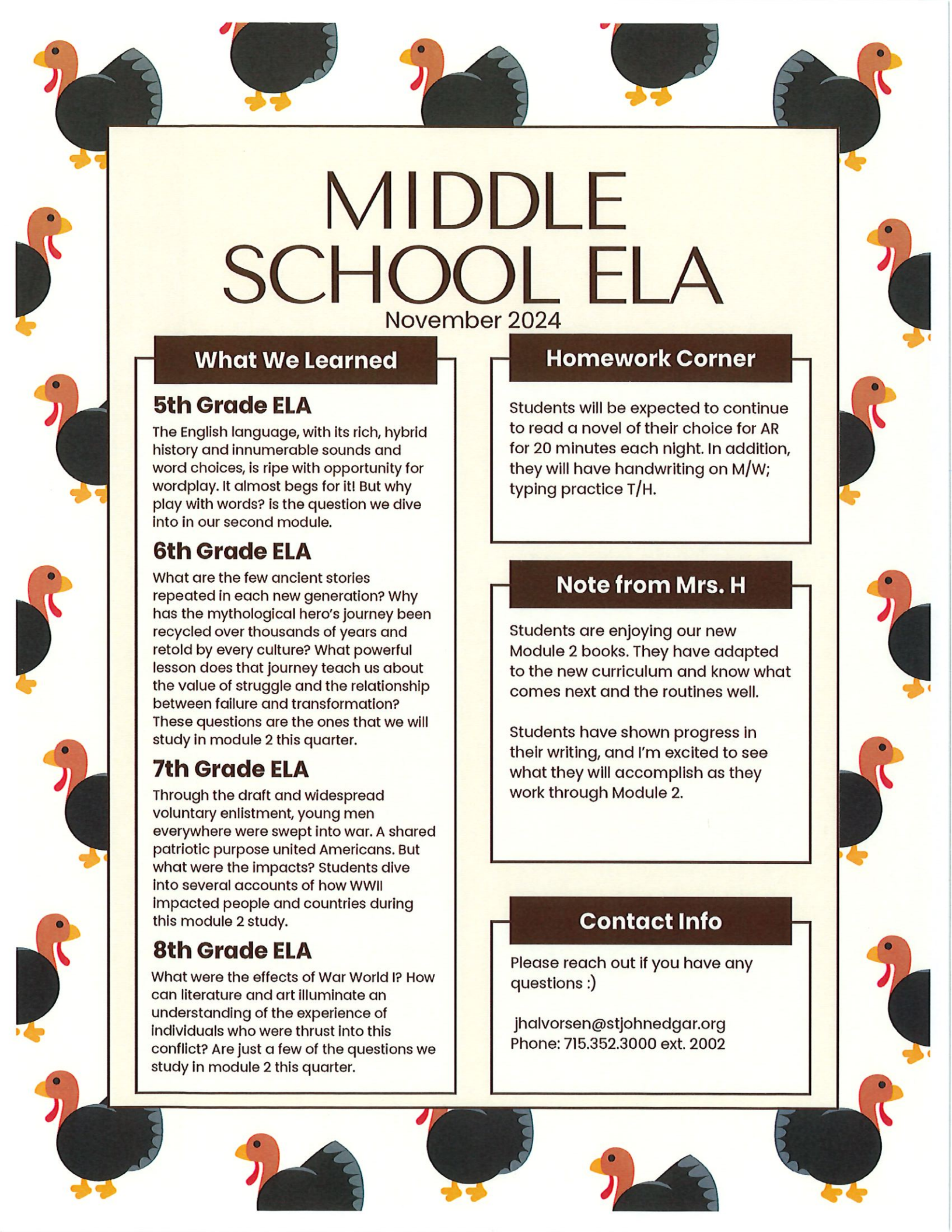
4th Grade

English

We started Module 2 in our Great Minds book; which is about extreme settings. Our focus question that we have is "Why does the setting affect characters?". As a class we read a short story called "All Summer in a Day" which is set on the planet Venus and is about how students treat a character who remembers what the sun was like on Earth while other students don't believe her.

Math

In class we have been working on fractions and understanding unlike denominators of tenths and hundredths. Learning how to switch the denominator to equal the same number.

A decorative border of stylized turkeys in various colors (black, brown, orange) surrounds the central text area.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ELA

November 2024

What We Learned

5th Grade ELA

The English language, with its rich, hybrid history and innumerable sounds and word choices, is ripe with opportunity for wordplay. It almost begs for it! But why play with words? Is the question we dive into in our second module.

6th Grade ELA

What are the few ancient stories repeated in each new generation? Why has the mythological hero's journey been recycled over thousands of years and retold by every culture? What powerful lesson does that journey teach us about the value of struggle and the relationship between failure and transformation? These questions are the ones that we will study in module 2 this quarter.

7th Grade ELA

Through the draft and widespread voluntary enlistment, young men everywhere were swept into war. A shared patriotic purpose united Americans. But what were the impacts? Students dive into several accounts of how WWII impacted people and countries during this module 2 study.

8th Grade ELA

What were the effects of War World I? How can literature and art illuminate an understanding of the experience of individuals who were thrust into this conflict? Are just a few of the questions we study in module 2 this quarter.

Homework Corner

Students will be expected to continue to read a novel of their choice for AR for 20 minutes each night. In addition, they will have handwriting on M/W; typing practice T/H.

Note from Mrs. H

Students are enjoying our new Module 2 books. They have adapted to the new curriculum and know what comes next and the routines well.

Students have shown progress in their writing, and I'm excited to see what they will accomplish as they work through Module 2.

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Please reach out if you have any questions :)

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November Newsletter

Mrs. Wozny – 7/8 Homeroom



The focus of November was on some very special people. We started off the month remembering the saints. The Graveyard of the Saints was held on November 1st in the school gym. The gym was transformed to a graveyard and several "Saints" told us about their amazing lives! We were able to meet St. Anthony of Padua, St. Perpetua, and St. Olivia of Palermo, just to name a few.

November 5th was another special day. While U.S. citizens were heading to the polls, the St. John's middle school students participated in a mock election. 95% of the votes went to Donald Trump. The students took the mock election seriously and seemed to appreciate the opportunity to have a "voice" in democracy!

November 11th was also an important day. The Veteran's Day program was held in the church. Some of the middle school students were able to read their Patriot's Pen essays and others participated in a mock draft. Thank you to all the Veterans for your service!

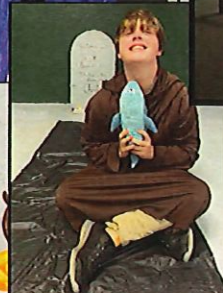
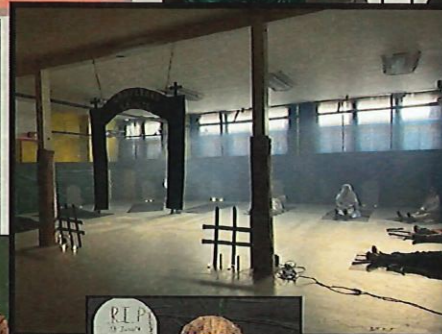
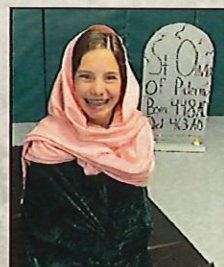
IN THE CLASSROOM

The 7/8 class has started Theology of the Body in religion. The 5/6 class is now learning about the Beatitudes. Social studies at the 7/8 grade level has been focusing on the role of Russia, Prussia, and Austria in the 1700's. 5/6 completed the chapter on French explorers in North America. Finally, the 7/8 graders have been learning about magnetism in science. The 5/6 graders will soon be learning about traits and inheritance.



COMING SOON

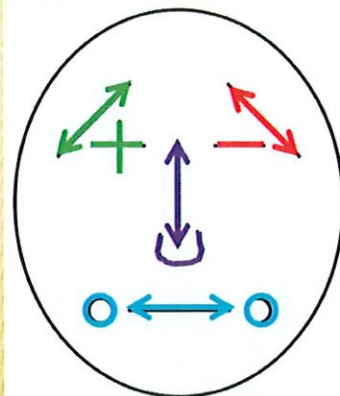
- Start of Advent - Dec. 1
- Band Concert - Dec. 12
- St. Lucia's Day - Dec. 13
- Christmas Program - Dec. 15



MS MATH



Grade Seven started a Proportional Relationships and Percentages Unit. Whether with fractions or decimals, the distributive property can be applied to rewrite expressions. In the near future, solving percent increase and decrease problems could involve commissions, interest, markups, or discounts.




MR. SLOPE GUY

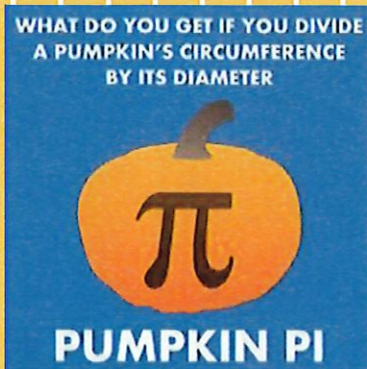
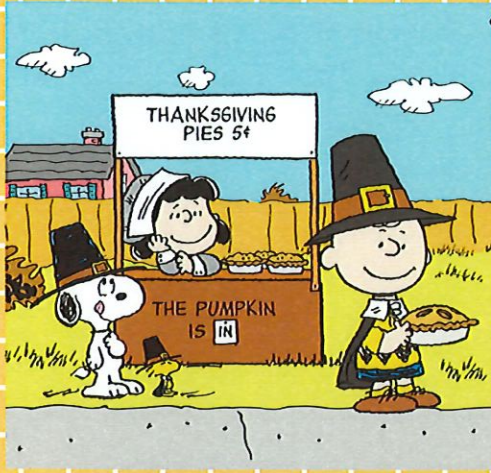


Eighth Grade finished up Unit 3 on Linear Relationships. They practiced representing linear relationships with tables, equations, and graphs. Those graphs could have lines with positive or negative slopes, horizontal or vertical lines. Graphs can also be recognized as a set of solutions to linear equations.



 Thank you to all our Veterans for coming to enjoy our program and for doing a Draft demonstration for us. We thank you for your service and for the time you share with us each year! ❄️ 🎄 The countdown has now begun for our Christmas program. It was noted that there are not many school days remaining before December 15. We hope you have been hearing quite a bit of singing and skit practicing already. 3K thru Grade 4 are on their way to learning four songs, while Grades 5 thru 8 will focus on seven. 🎄 ❄️

MS MATH



Grade Five practiced fraction multiplication and division before moving on to problem solving with fractions. Using the relationship between multiplication and division. We have the goal of writing both types of equations to represent the same situation or diagram. Coming up, we will have multiplication and division with multi-digit numbers. Keep brushing up on those basic multiplication and division facts.

Leading in FRECKLE
or IXL practice:

Grade 5 Jacob
Grade 6 Lucas
Grade 7 Claire
Grade 8 Cecilia

Grade Six is nearly done with their unit on rates and percentages. Tables, multipliers, double number lines, and tape diagrams are strategies that have helped with those lessons on unit conversions, rates, and percentages. Many of the application problems involve coupons and sales. Now with the Christmas shopping season upon us, the students could be ready to follow a budget and find the best deals.

Hello from Art!

Can you believe November is almost over already? I still have news from October. For example the next page features pictures of some of those cardboard castles. Did you know pumpkin prints could turn into owls? At least that is what happened with my lesson plans in October for the younger grades. I had planned to do one thing (pumpkin prints) and then...I just felt I needed to do something else. I think the results of my backup idea for owls were pretty cute! I am learning in life to sometimes go with the change of plan and to have a back up plan just in case. Speaking of plans, does your family have an evacuation plan in case of fire and a backup plan if the way is blocked? This was one tip learned during fire safety week. We are still trying to determine the best versions for our poster submissions due in December. Older students are also working on the ever popular masking tape animal project which also led to some masking tape turkeys for the littles. Perhaps these will grace your table this Thanksgiving.



Mid November was our annual program for Veterans. Students contributed "Patriotic Plates" for decoration in the parish and reused their red white and blue braids as a reminder that we are all stronger together than separate during the election.



Of course, we are already busy preparing for Christmas. I sent off students' homemade ornaments for Governor Evers capitol Christmas Tree in Madison celebrating the theme "125 years of Wisconsin State Parks" (2025 is the actual anniversary year but they begin the celebration with the lighting of this year's tree December 5th). It was neat to discuss what parks were favorites and what activities students chose to illustrate on their ornaments. Swimming, fishing, making smores...makes me wish for summer...but hey it's supposed to snow soon so it will be awhile. Let's slow down and enjoy each season as it comes. Peace to you this holiday season, happy hunting and may your favorite team win! With love, Mrs. Wierzba



Flashback: Collaborative Cardboard Castle Creations

