

# NEWS FROM THE 3K CLASSROOM

NOVEMBER 2024

## Look What We Learned

### FOCUS WALL

We are moving right along in the alphabet. We are currently learning about the letter G, the number 7 and reviewing all of the colors of in the rainbow.

### DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

They may only be 3 years old, but their opinion still matters! We held our own election for a class mascot. The votes were close but the hippopotamus was the clear winner

### MUSIC

We have been practicing our songs for the Veterans Day program each day. They are doing great remembering all the words. Next up Christmas program!



## Faces you might know!



## Reminders

3K will start attending the weekly Wednesday Mass starting November 6th.

Please let Mrs. Martin know if your child attending T/W/TH rotation will be joining us for the Veteran's Day program on Monday, November 11th.

## Don't Forget

- When the weather starts to turn chilly and you begin to bring in snow gear please remember to label all of your child's belongings
- Also, please remember to let me know if any of the items are to stay at school.

# 4K CLASSROOM NEWS

## FIELD TRIP FUN!



4K loved all the activities and games that we were provided with on Tuesday.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Show and Tell

- Oct. 31-1st

Letter F



## WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

### Literacy

We love learning our letters each week. Our C for cat hats were our favorite!



### Field Trip

We learned lots about nature! with spending the majority of our time outside.



### to NASA Lions Camp

We had so much fun that we all fell asleep on the bus ride home!



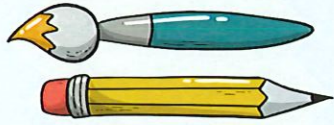
## REMINDERS

- 4K will start bringing the gifts up to Father Alan at Mass in November!

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

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

Greta Mae Evans



# KINDERGARTEN

Hello from the Kindergarten room!

In Superkids, we have met a few more superkids and the letters/sounds that correspond to each. The students have been identifying these sounds in the beginning, middle, and end of words. The students have also started blending sounds!

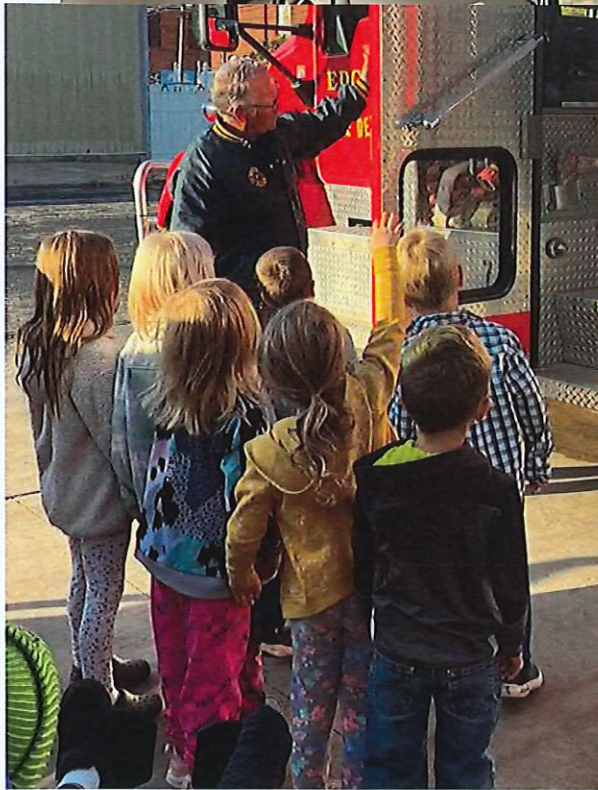
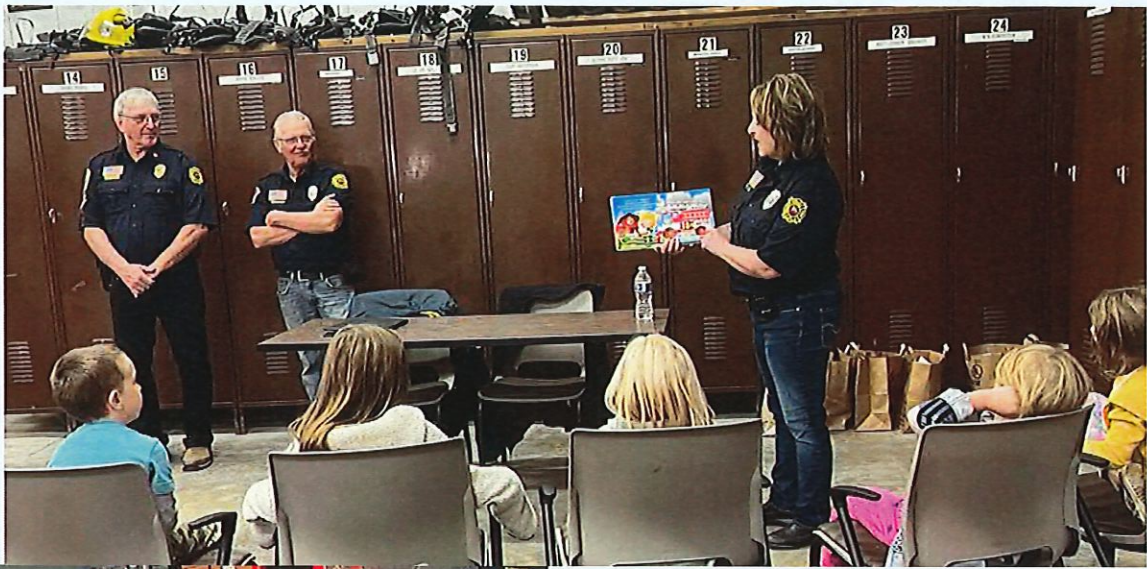
In Math, the students have learned the terms more, fewer, and the same and what they mean. They have been creating groups that have more, fewer, or the same number than a given group. They have also been practicing writing numbers to represent quantities. Lastly, in October the students have learned how to compare numbers. They have been counting quantities or looking at numbers and deciding which number has more or less.

In Religion, the students learned about the 10 Commandments and how God gave them to Moses. The students learned that by following the 10 Commandments we are showing our love for God and for one another. This week we have been discussing qualities saints have. (prayerful, respectful, always kind, helpful, etc.) and how we can show these qualities!

In Social Studies, we learned about communities and all the leaders within a community- teachers, police officers, priest, firefighters, etc. The students learned about rules and laws and why we have them- to keep people safe. This month we also talked about the United States and the many symbols used to represent the United States. The students learned what a travel brochure is and what its used for and then made their own to display all of the symbols and things that represent the United States. They really enjoyed listening to "God Bless America" while working on these!

We had a lot of fun in October- painting pumpkins, learning new superkids, starting new math centers, playing in the leaves, going on our field trip, and much more! We look forward to November and all the fun things that will come with it!







# GRADES ONE/TWO CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER

October 2024

## What We Learned

### Religion

Our Saint of the Month for October was St. Francis of Assisi. We learned about his love of all creation and his desire to share God's love with everyone and everything. He even gave sermons to the birds when there were not people around! As part of the celebration, we were able to bring in our pets to be blessed by Fr. Alan. Check out our Facebook page for photos!

### Social Studies

In Social Studies, we have been learning about our community, state, and national governments and their job to make laws that keep us safe and make things fair. We also learned that it is our right and responsibility to vote so we can have a say in who our leaders are.

## The Rosary

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. On October 25th, our school prayed our Living Rosary. As part of the prayer, some of us lead the *Hail Mary* and some of us held candles. Thank you to everyone who joined us in prayer.

## Upcoming Events

- End of First Quarter: November 5
- *Veterans Day Program:*  
November 11
- Thanksgiving Break:  
November 25-29

## Mission

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.

# GRADES ONE/TWO

October 2024

## Fire Safety Month

October is Fire Safety Month. We learned about ways to prevent fires and what to do if there is a fire whether we are at home or at school. We also had a visit from 3 members of the Edgar Fire Department. They quizzed us about fire safety, read *I Want to Be a Firefighter*, and showed us one of the department's fire trucks. Thank you to all of our volunteer firefighters and EMTs for keeping us informed and safe!



## Fieldtrip!

On October 29th, grades 4K-4 enjoyed a field trip to the Wisconsin Lion's Camp in Rosholt. God blessed us with a beautiful day at that wonderful camp! We got to be real scientists as we spent the day learning about clouds, pollinators, the colors of nature, and measurement through activities sponsored by the Lions Camp and NASA. Below are pictures of us making flowers and pollinators. We used them for an activity to help us learn how we get new plants and flowers each year through pollination.





# NEWSLETTER



## Events

- Had NASA field trip on Oct 29
- Had class Mass on Oct 25
- Nov 1st Graveyard of the Saints
- Nov 5th- End of Quarter 1
- Nov 6th- Start of Quarter 2
- Nov 11th- Veterans Day

## ● Social Studies

We have been learning about; How people help our community grow? In our Communities book we have read chapter 3, People move from place to place. People move to new communities, People learn new customs, understanding where people move from and understanding that people who move from a different country start their new life in the United States. We have also learned about celebrations/holidays that we do to remember a person or event that takes place. When learning about celebrations and holidays we did a research project by making a poster and added the importance of it, the history of it as well as the real story of that celebration or holiday.



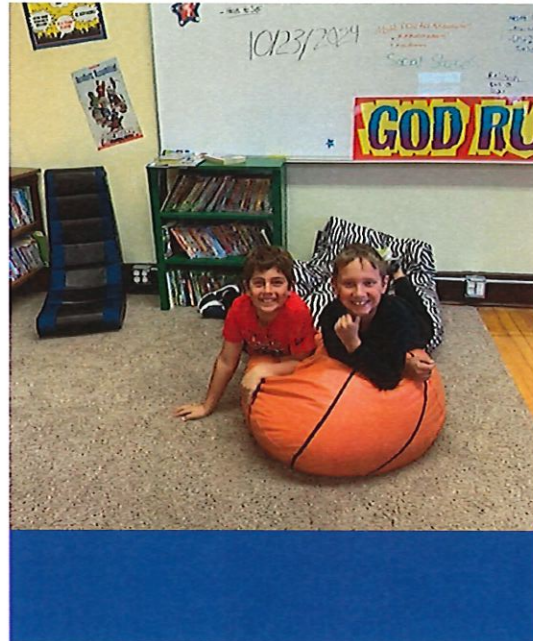
## 3rd Grade

English:

Our main focus question has to do with; How and why scientist explore sea creatures? We have read the book; Shark Attack and Reading about Giant Squid. It is important to understand the importance of these animals and why scientists started to observe them either while they are dead or alive.

Math:

This month we have learned about using an array for multiplication. The strategy helps us understand that groups of circles that are grouped separately can come together to make an array. In class we have also started learning about measurement by using inches, centimeters, feet and meters to measure things.



## Monthly Rewards

Our class this October has just started doing a Reward for each month for good behavior. We are focusing on;

- Listening
- Doing our job in class; by worrying about ourself, and focusing on what we need to do in class.
- Getting materials out

*The reason why we are doing this; Is to be better about understanding and following the classroom expectations!*



## 4th Grade

English:

The book that we have been reading is; *Love that Dog* by Sharon Creech. Our Focus question has to do with; How the characters in *Love that Dog* show great heart? This has to do with understanding our main character Jack's feelings toward poetry and toward his Dog Sky that he used to have. Another thing that we have been talking about is understanding the themes within our book.

Math:

This month we have been working on fractions. With understanding how the number on the bottom is the denominator and the number on the top is the numerator. In class we have worked on making sure that the denominators are equal even though the original problem shows that they are not equal.

# Lions Camp fieldtrip



# MIDDLE SCHOOL ELA NEWSLETTER

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## What We Learned

In English, we continue to dive deep into our essential questions for each grade level. Students are getting into socratic seminar discussions and learning to respectfully hold an academic conversation on a topic then relate it to their life.

### 5th Grade ELA

Students have read *Thunder Rolling in the Mountains* by Scott O'Dell to dive deeper into their learning about the Nez Pearce culture and conflict with the white settlers.

### 6th Grade ELA

Students continue their study of how hardships contribute to personal transformation by studying the dust bowl in *Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse.

### 7th Grade ELA

Students continue to dive into how identity changes through life experiences through reading *The Midwife's Apprentice*.

### 8th Grade ELA

Does language shape our experience? Can language really help us to transport ourselves to other places through imagination? How do powerful stories impact us? All of these are questions students are answering in class this month.

## 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 and grammar on Fridays.

## Note from Mrs. H

As we continue through the first quarter, students are getting more involved in discussions and formulating opinions with evidence from the texts we are reading.

They are building skills that will help them to go farther in the course of their academic careers. I'm excited to continue this journey with them.

## Contact Info

Please reach out if you have any questions :)

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# Ms. Wozny's Newsletter



## What We Learned

November  
2024

This month has flown by! We have been working diligently on the Graveyard of the Saints project in 7/8 religion, while the 5/6 students are looking with more depth at the 10 Commandments. The middle school students have been getting instruction from Father Alan and recently received the sacrament of Reconciliation! They also spent a day of spiritual renewal with a National Evangelization Team at St. Anthony's Retreat Center.

In science, the 7/8 graders are learning about force and motion in space and the 5/6 class has been discovering more about the systems of the body, metabolism, and medical conditions.

In social studies, the 7/8 class is learning about the history of Russia. On the other hand, the establishment of the California missions has been the focus in 5/6 social studies.

## Upcoming Events

2nd Quarter begins: Nov. 6

Veteran's Day Program: Nov. 11

Thanksgiving Break: Nov. 25-29



NASA lessons at  
Wisconsin Lions Camp



Ellie and Isla working on  
their gravestones!



Earthworm  
Dissection Day!

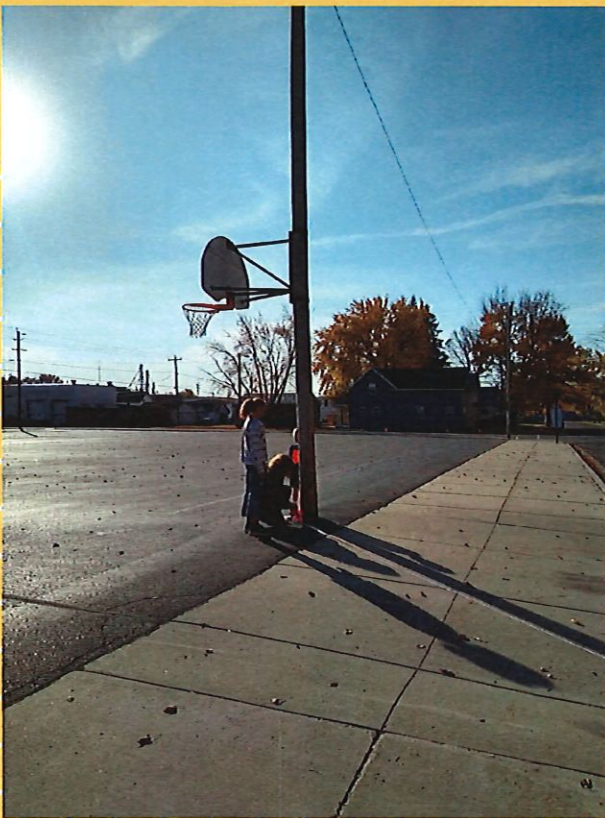
# MS MATH



Grade Seven cruised through a unit on proportional relationships using strategies involving ratios, tables, and graphs. We had practice finding constants of proportionality and writing equations. An understanding of reciprocals assisted in finding two graphs for relationships. The start of our third unit made us hungry for pie. We are calculating with pi to solve problems involving circles. "Turkey tails" for grade 7 included circular shapes. 🍂



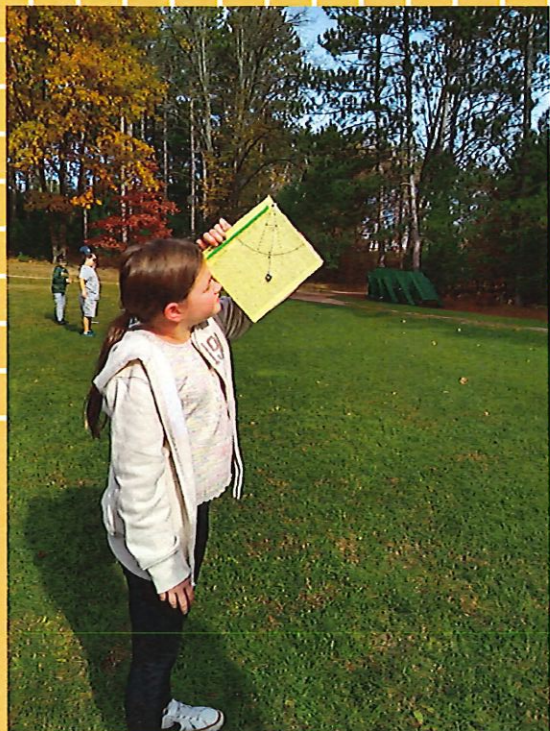
Before Eighth Grade moved on to Unit 2 with dilations, similarity, and slope, we made lovely "turkey tail" tessellations. 🍂 For our final Unit 2 lesson, we applied what we learned and found the height of tall objects outside using shadows. The very next day at the Lion's Camp, we used a different tool to measure the height of trees--a clinometer.



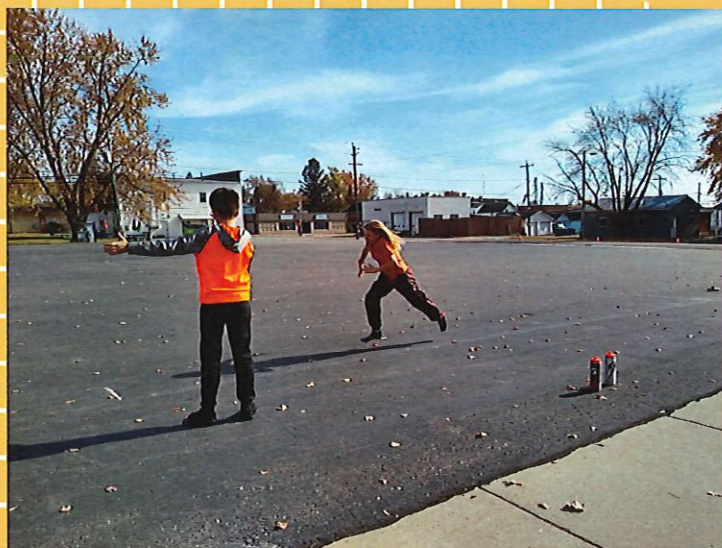
Music classes are preparing patriotic selections for Veterans Day. There is always a preference to do our favorites, but we found new favorites to do as well. It is beautiful to see how the students show their patriotism with their enthusiasm for singing songs about America. After practicing our Veterans Day songs, the Elementary groups have been finding other songs to enjoy. Ask them to show you the "🍂Turkey Tango." 🍂👀 We seem to have a bit of a turkey theme happening here. 🍂



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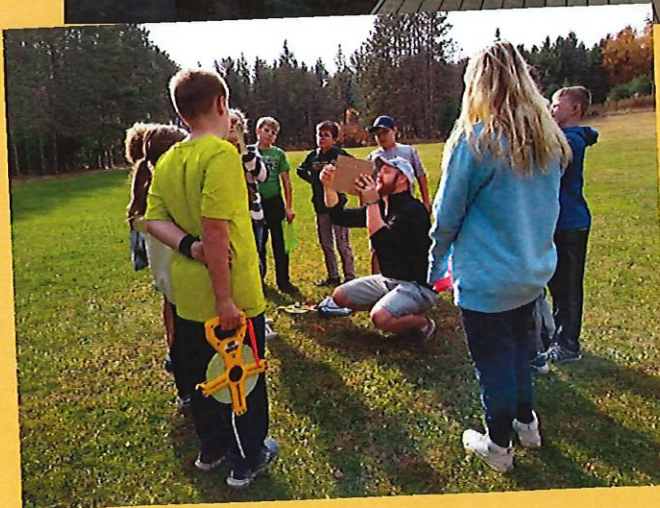
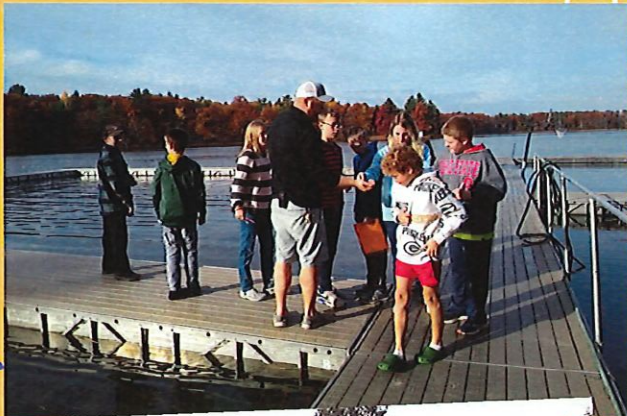
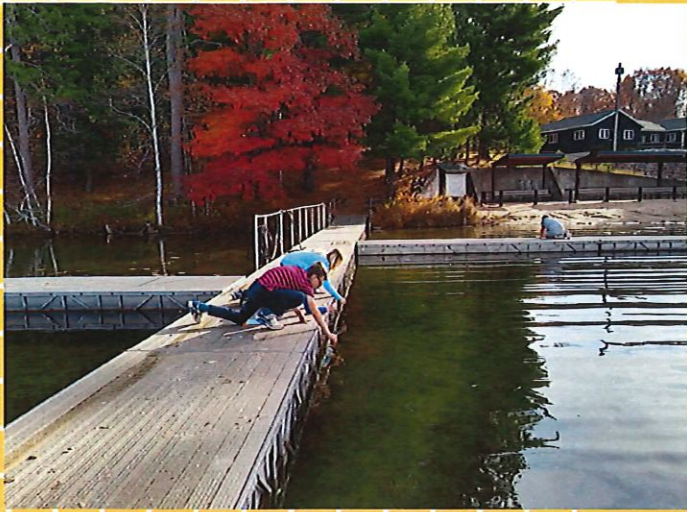


Grade Five will have a two-unit stretch of working with fractions. So far we have been checking out fractions in nearly every way possible--as quotients, when sharing, relating division & multiplication, and for calculating area. We have found out how the same problem can be solved using multiple equivalent expressions and diagrams. Transitioning from one unit to the next, we were able to design "turkey tails" in the mosaic style. 🍁



Grade Six is finishing a ratio unit. We practiced using double number lines and tables to find equivalent ratios for recipes, color mixtures, speeds/rates, and costs. Thanks goes to Drew's Grandmother for her donation of mini pumpkins and gourds and a few extra from others. We have plenty to decorate. More "turkey tails" it is then. 🍁 🍁







# ENRICHMENT NEWSLETTER

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## 1st-4th Grades

### Reading

The students read 30 minutes at the start of each class. Some may have an AR test they need to take during that time. I have a couple students read to me and I have the 1st graders read out loud together as a group.

### Math

The students each have time for math practice with me and on their own. I have made a lot of math centers for all grades to work on. The students love the fun games that a family has donated as well.

### Friday Fun Days

Friday Fun Days are days that we have 2 hours together. The first hour is extra work time and reading. The second hour is for science, social studies, or crafts. This month we have painted Pumpkins and made cute window decor.



# ENRICHMENT NEWSLETTER

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## Pictures



Hello from Art!

In my last newsletter submission, students were just finishing those coat of arms designs and about to build collaborative cardboard castles. Well, those castles turned out to be a very popular project (even if some look a little more like modern apartment buildings rather than medieval structures)! My hope is some of you stopped into the art room and during conferences and took a look at the results.

Recently our attention has turned to fibers. Younger students tried their hand at learning how to braid (A strand of three is not easily broken you know!) and used fruit produce bags stretched over empty tape rolls as a beginner's embroidery hoop. Older students also used yarn and overhand knots to make plant hangers for some of those plants Father Wierzba is growing in that Parish greenhouse. Next we may try some more complex square knots and beads perhaps in some type of pastor appreciation gift (shhhh).



Additionally, we are working on submissions for the fire safety poster contest. I am encouraging students to create more than one version (a good studio habit of mind) so they can discuss with peers their compositions and understand which posters are their better ones and why. One version is drawn and another uses tissue paper in fire colors collaged over black crayon outlines. I think we will have some pretty awesome submissions by the December deadline. Those multiple versions and compositional tips should help with other upcoming poster contests as well such as for Music K-8 and the soil and water conservation contest.

But let's not forget about our favorite holiday projects. What would October be without doing leaf themed projects like crayon rubbings and pumpkin prints? And then there are the November Veterans day tributes to think about and Christmas tree ornaments...So much yet to come. Stay tuned.

Blessings, Mrs. Wierzba