

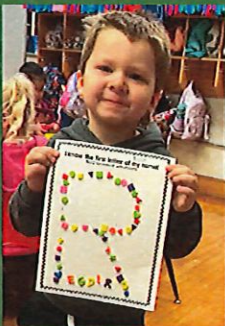
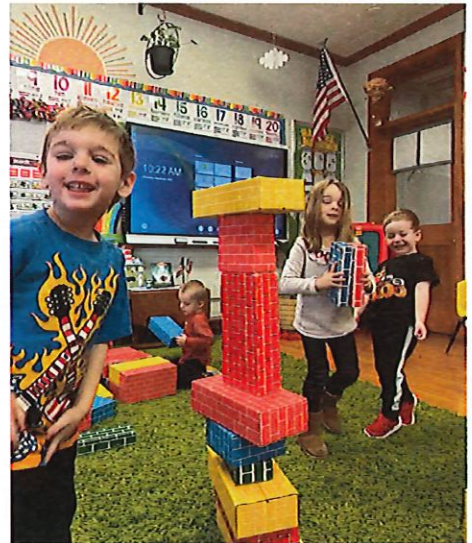
# NEWS FROM THE 3K CLASSROOM

March 2025

## OUR 3K CLASSROOM

How is it March already! So much happening while we prepare for Easter. We are talking about why Easter isn't about the bunny it's about the Lamb, and learning about the stations of the cross. They will be bringing home a keychain full of tangible items to remind them about the stations and God's love for us. We also planted jellybeans, everyone made a prediction as to what it will grow!! Their guesses ranged from rocks, potatoes and even a guess of more Mrs. Martins!!

## FACES YOU MAY KNOW



# 4K CLASSROOM NEWS

## ARTS AND CRAFTS!



The 4k made Leprechaun masks with their name in his beard!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Swimming Lessons!  
April 2nd and 3rd  
April 9th and 10th

HELLO  
SPRING

## WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

### Math!

We sorted lucky charm marshmallows and then graphed them! The 4kers loved it!



### Dr. Seuss

We celebrated Dr. Seuss' Birthday with fun dress up days and reading his books!



### Drawing!

Spencer showed off his amazing picture he drew of the cat in the hat after we read the book!



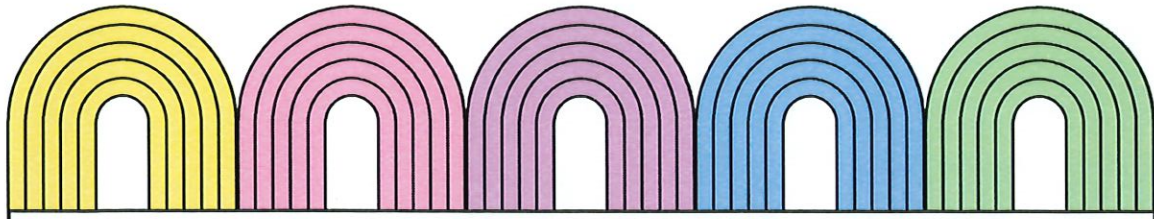
## REMINDERS

- As the weather gets a tad warmer we still need full snow gear meaning winter coat, hat, gloves, snow pants and boots!

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

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

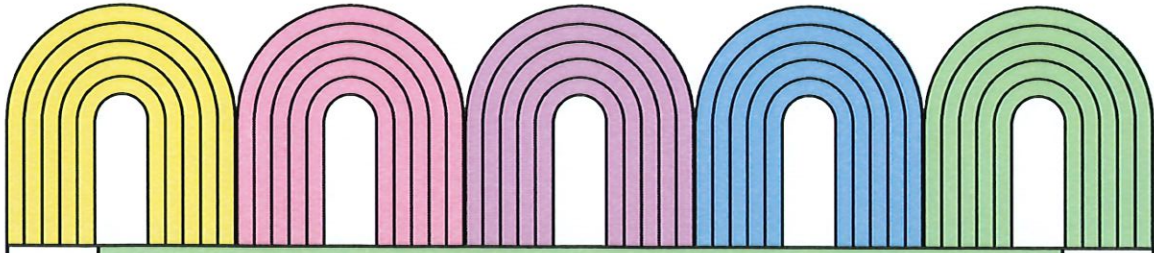
Greta Mae Evans



# KINDERGARTEN NEWSLETTER

We are looking forward to swimming lessons, bringing the gifts up in Mass, learning about the Seder Meal, and all the exciting things that come in Spring!





## LITERACY

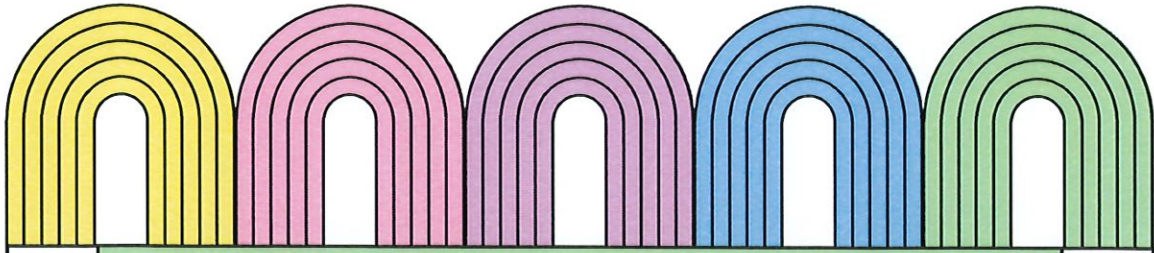
The students have been reading about the superkids. We are reading and learning about how the superkids transformed an old bus into a club house. The students have learned about different end marks and what they are used for. They have practiced writing question marks and exclamation points. They have also started to notice them in text and do a great job reading with enthusiasm when they see an exclamation point at the end of the sentence!

## MATH

The students have been learning about solid shapes. They were challenged to make a solid shape out of clay! The students have also been playing more fast paced games in math to help with fluency in addition and subtraction.

## SOCIAL STUDIES

The students are learning about location. We looked at both a map and a globe and talked about what each one is and what each shows. The students learned the parts of a map and how they can use symbols to represent landmarks and other things on a map.



## RELIGION

We have been talking about Lent and the different things we do during the Lenten season. We have been following a calendar of good deeds that we can do each day throughout Lent! The students have been coloring a piece of a stained glass window for each good deed they do. The goal is to have the whole window colored by Easter.



# Grades One and Two March Newsletter



## Let Them Eat...Pi ?!?!?

As we hinted in the February Newsletter, one of Mrs. Werner's favorite days of the year is in March...March 14<sup>th</sup> ~a.k.a PI DAY! Pi Day is an annual celebration of the mathematical constant  $\pi$  (pi) since 3, 1, and 4 are the first three significant figures of  $\pi$ . To celebrate, we spent the week creating a flip book to help us learn more about pi, read some Sir Cumference books, watched a few short videos, wore Pi Day crowns, and ATE PI(E)! Also, the whole school helped us create a chain of the first 100 digits of pi. One fun fact we learned is that Albert Einstein was born on Pi Day in 1879. Check out the photos below!



# Grades One and Two March Newsletter



## March Reading Challenge

March Madness in first and second grade this year included a challenge from Mrs. Werner...to read our way through the month. For the first part of the challenge, we earned a small prize. For the second, more challenging part, we earned a larger prize. We all read our hearts out to earn those prizes and meet the challenge! The photo is of us with our larger prize. Mrs. Werner is going to come up with a Math Challenge for April. We can't wait!!!



## First Communion Countdown

One of the biggest days for the second graders is their First Holy Communion Day. This year Adie, Connor, and James will receive Jesus for the first time on May 4th...a little more than a month from now. Please pray for them and their CCD friends as they prepare for their day!



## 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.



# Classroom

## NEWSLETTER

### Science

In Chapter 1, students figure out how the mystery fossil formed inside the rocky outcrop at Desert Rocks National Park. In the first part of the chapter, students figure out the process by which fossils form. They then read an informational text about a paleontologist who studies fossils by observing them to make inferences about extinct organisms and their behaviors.

### What's In This Month's Issue?

- Upcoming Events
- After School Activities
- New Extracurricular
- Fun Fact of The Week



### Religion

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders

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Soccer Club

## After School Activities

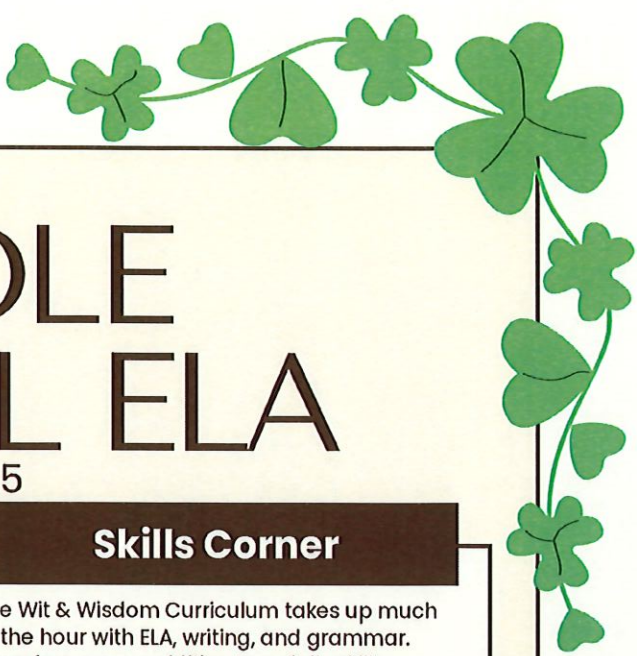
- Math Club (Monday)
- Science Club (Tue & Thu)
- Music Club (Friday)
- Theater Club (Saturday)

## 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

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# MIDDLE SCHOOL ELA

March 2025

## What We Learned

### 5th Grade ELA

We continued our study of the American Civil War and its impact on girls and families. The students continued to develop their argumentative writing and debated whether the war had a positive or negative impact on the Pruitt family in the novel *The River Between Us* Richard Peck.

### 6th Grade ELA

Comparing historical fiction and informational text can make all the difference when determining the factors that led to the decline of Jamestown. The students continue to study Jamestown based on evidence from archaeologists and discovered that what we all thought happened may not have been accurate. They debated whether the social or environmental factors led to the decline in their final End of Module essay.

### 7th Grade ELA

After completing the novel, *Animal Farm* by George Orwell, students discovered that while language can be used to inspire, it can also be dangerous. To determine which is more powerful, they were asked to write whether language is more powerful when used to inspire or control in their final module essay.

### 8th Grade ELA

As we continue to debate what love is in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class, we start to delineate whether love is an effect of agency or fate. The students argued this based on their understanding of Shakespeare's characters in *A Midsummer Nights Dream*.

## Skills Corner

The Wit & Wisdom Curriculum takes up much of the hour with ELA, writing, and grammar. Therefore, we are shifting to a daily skills practice for each quarter.

- Q1 > Focus on creative journal writing
- Q2 > Focus on spelling
- Q3 > Focus on handwriting
- Q4 > Focus on typing & digital citizenship

## Note from Mrs. H

Students have been working hard on their forensics pieces. We have some very good forensic presentations again this year in the categories of play reading, humorous/serious declamation, storytelling, poetry reading, and news reporting.

Come to see the students perform in our NERR competition after school on April 9th.

## Contact Info

Please reach out if you have any questions :)

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# March Newsletter

MS. WOZNY'S ROOM



## SCIENCE 5/6

The 5/6 graders spent much of March learning about ocean currents, prevailing winds and El Nino events. They completed a slideshow, participated in a seminar, and wrote debate scripts to show their knowledge of climate systems.

## RELIGION 5/6

This month the 5/6 graders expanded their knowledge of Lent by using their Lenten Booklets. They also completed/prayed Lectio Divina's with the 3rd and 4th graders. Finally, they helped lead a prayer service focused on the 7 Joys and Sorrows of St. Joseph.

## SOCIAL STUDIES - SPECIAL EVENT

What a treat for the middle school! On March 11, they were invited to hear John Carlos, 1968 Olympic runner, speak at Edgar Public School. Mr. Carlos spoke about his experience in the Civil Rights Movement and how important it is to have God in your life.



## SCIENCE 7/8

The 7th and 8th graders completed their unit on the Earth, Moon, and Sun system right about the time we witnessed an actual Lunar Eclipse! Since then, they have been learning about natural selection and trait distribution in fictional populations.

## RELIGION 7/8

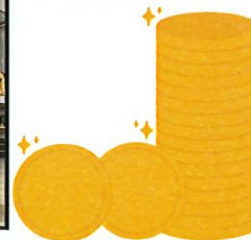
This month the 7/8 graders also expanded their knowledge of Lent by using their Lenten Booklets. They continue their study of vocations, and a big thank you goes to Kateri Hackel for visiting the classroom. Finally, they also helped lead a prayer service focused on the 7 Joys and Sorrows of St. Joseph.

## SOCIAL STUDIES 5/6 AND 7/8

This month the 5th/6th graders learned about our nation's second and third Presidents, as well as the spread of Catholicism in the early United States. The 7th and 8th graders learned about the industrial revolution that happened in Europe around 1800, and will focus on WWI in next.

## COMING SOON

- NERR Forensics Competition - Tuesday, April 9 \*Open to the public
- Swimming Lessons - Wednesday and Thursday, April 2nd/3rd and 9th/10th
- No School - Friday, April 4 \*Teacher In-service
- Christian Passover Seder Meal - Wednesday, April 16
- Easter Break - April 17-21
- Middle School Dance - Friday, May 2



# MS MATH



Grade Five is getting an introduction to what will be built on further in future middle school math units. In Unit 6 we are solving problems with decimals, measurement conversions, and powers of ten, while noticing place value patterns. After multiplying and dividing to do metric conversions, we will go on to finding out what we need to do to add or subtract fractions that have unlike denominators.

## 4N6

The Middle School students have been practicing their forensics pieces.

They will have wonderful performances ready for April 9. We hope to see you there.

## MS Math League

Drew Murkowski, Claire Braunel, Isla Conway, AliMae Martin, Gabe Voigt, Elizabeth Bergs, Cecilia Mills, and Elliana Wendtland have been invited to participate in the Middle School Math League competition that will be May 2.

Keep them in prayer as they prepare over the next few weeks.

Grade Six about mid-way thru Unit 6 on expressions and equations with variables. We have been introduced to the distributive property and have used diagrams to help us write equivalent expressions with variables. Our next lessons will help us understand more about exponents, order of operations, tables, graphs, and ratios.

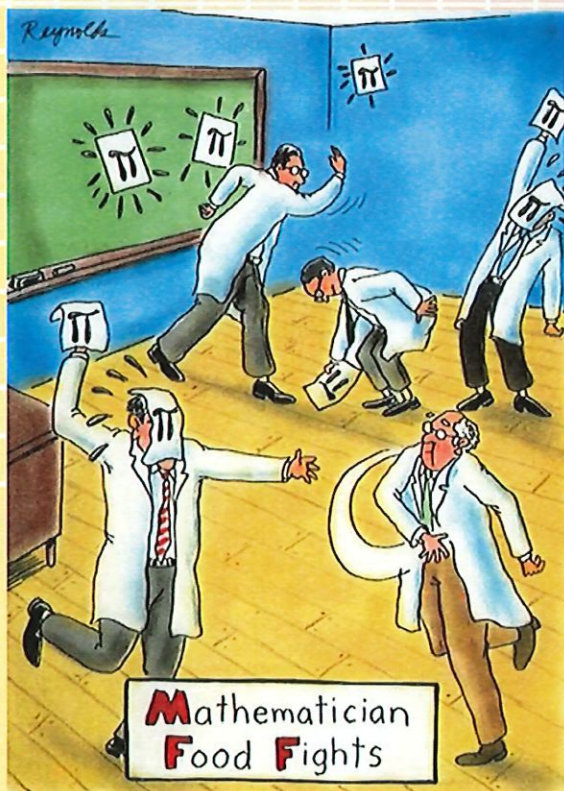


Grade Seven began Unit 7 with two dimensional geometry. We have been determining angle measurements by understanding what vertical, complementary, and supplementary angles are. Soon we will be combining 2-D geometry with some 3-D geometry by thinking about cross sections of prisms and pyramids and calculating area and volume.

## Exponent Rules

Zero Rule	$a^0 = 1$
Product Rule	$a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n}$
Quotient Rule	$a^m \div a^n = a^{m-n}$
Power of a Product	$(ab)^m = a^m b^m$
Power of a Quotient	$(a/b)^m = a^m / b^m$
Power of a Power	$(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$
Negative Exponent	$a^{-m} = 1/a^m$
Fractional Exponent	$a^{m/n} = (\sqrt[n]{a})^m$

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Eighth Grade is in the middle of Unit 7 with Exponents and Scientific Notation. We have been learning the reasoning behind the rules of exponents that have to do with multiplying, dividing, negatives, powers of powers, and terms with different bases. Coming up we will be representing, estimating, and comparing very LARGE and very small numbers with number lines. We will also be able to add, subtract, multiply, and divide in Scientific Notation.



We are finishing March madness with a bit of rhythm basketball. Clear the tables of all water bottles! Bunnies have also been hopping up. Some favorites are Little Rabbit Foo Foo, John the Rabbit, and Sleepy Bunnies.





## 4N6 planning, Pi Day Math Holiday, St. Joseph, and Saint of the Month



### Celebrating Pi

Pi Song 300 digits

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xsrJdSaiD9U>

Unbelievably, record holder Suresh Kumar Sharma recited 70,030 digits in 17 hours, 14 minutes on March 21, 2015. Use this catchy song to learn the first 300 digits.

NBC video on pi

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BtYvf3WUjXg>

The infinite life of pi - Reynaldo Lopes

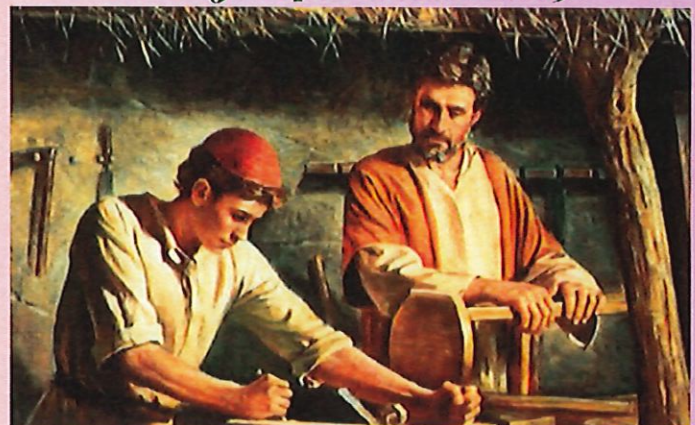
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9a5vHXsUvUw>



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**Our students did a great job presenting the 7 Sorrows & 7 Joys of St. Joseph on March 19!**



St. Joseph, I want to better imitate your holy example.

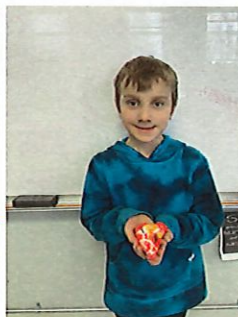
- \*Please pray that today I may see my work as a blessing, and an opportunity to love our Lord, and all those I come in contact with.
- \*Please pray that I will do my work today with order, patience, and joy.
- \*Please pray that I will have the courage to take action on the things I find very challenging.
- \*Please pray that I will persevere, even if I am very tired, and that I don't give-in to laziness.
- \*Please pray that I will work today with unselfish and pure motives.
- \*Above all, please pray that I will keep a diligent focus on doing the task in front of me, with a Christ-animated love.

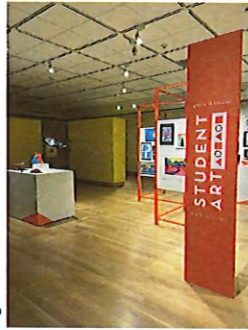
St. Joseph, Please intercede for me today. Amen.



Hello from Art!

Well, March is certainly living up to its nature having that see-saw battle between Winter and Spring. Artists often have to start holiday themed projects well ahead of schedule so they are done and displayed for the actual holiday. That is why K-3 has been busy preparing the Egg Carton Easter Tulips and some symmetry print butterflies a little earlier this year. At least we can think of Spring even if there is still snow lingering...But we also kept our focus on lent by remembering that we are dust. K-5 Clay projects helped us talk about the PINCH, COIL and SLAB techniques of handbuilding while reminding us that God molds us just as a potter molds clay. Meanwhile, middle school 6-8 reviewed the proportions of the face and figure and tried some charcoal and profile portraits.





Have you heard that March is Youth Art Month?

To celebrate, Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum hosts the student Art Exhibit. This year masking tape animals by AliMae Martin (the Ostrich), Cecilia Mills (the Axitol), Jayla Ponshalk (the Manta Ray) and Ellie Wendtland (the hen and chick). Congratulations to these artists! Here are some highlights of their work from the display: Enjoy! Blessings! Lois Wierzba

