

# NEWS FROM THE 3K CLASSROOM



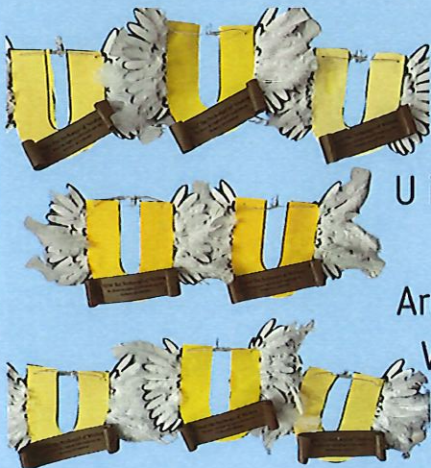
April 2026

## LOOK WHAT WE LEARNED



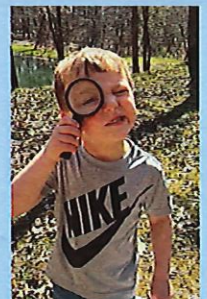
S is for Samson  
and his  
incredible  
strength that  
God gave him  
through his  
hair.

T is for the  
Holy Trinity,  
created with  
triangles



U is for Uriel  
the  
Archangel of  
Wisdom.

## EARTH DAY ADVENTURES



## CLASSROOM PLAY BASED LEARNING



# Classroom Newsletter

**APR. 2026**

**4K AND KINDERGARTEN  
MRS. FARBER**

## What We Learned

### 4K:

In April, 4K students enjoyed more curated learning centers that focused on skills that use all of the letters of the alphabet, as well as math skills learned throughout the school year. April Learning Centers included encoding and decoding short words, deciding if words are "real" or "nonsense" words, finding ending sounds of CVC words, patterning skills, and graphing & numbering skills. 4K is still working on their "Fine Motor Journals" this month and have still been having a lot of fun with them! April, included a lot of outdoor play, and getting closer to finishing up our Bible stories in our Children's Laugh & Grow Bible!

### Kindergarten:

April brought lots of learning in Kindergarten, as well! In ELA, 5K students have been enjoying working with the Superkids Club! Kindergarteners have also moved on from digraphs in words to "Super E" words (we like to call them "Sneaky E" words). "Sneaky E" words are words where the E sneaks up on the end of the word and changes the middle vowel sound. You can't hear the E (hence "sneaky"), but it changes the whole word! These kids surprise me each time we start a new concept! Math concepts included finishing up "10's and some more", and introducing flat vs. solid shapes. 5K has also been enjoying lots of time outside, and especially our Earth day projects and nature walk! Kindergarteners have been working on their Kindergarten Graduation songs starting in April. Graduation will be on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 at 8:00am Mass.

## Reminders

If your child has a summer birthday, a May calendar went home in his or her folder in April with a date for your child to bring a special birthday treat to school if you wish to do so 😊 That is all you need to do for this, we take care of the rest of the celebration at school!

Reminder - as the weather gets warmer (mostly!), we get thirsty playing outside for recess and phys. ed. Please send a water bottle to school with your child every day to make sure they stay hydrated.

## Upcoming Events

- 4K-2<sup>nd</sup> Field Trip 5/13/26
- NO SCHOOL 5/25/26
- School Picnic 5/27/26
- Kindergarten Graduation 6/3/26
  - @ 8:00 Mass
- Last Day of School 6/4/26

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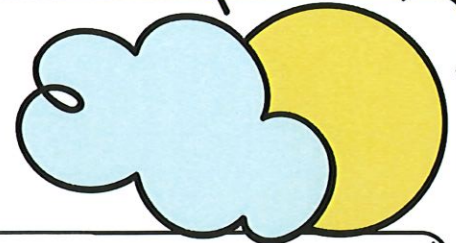
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I am also always available via Class Dojo!  
Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions, comments or concerns!



# April Newsletter

## Grades One/Two



April 7<sup>th</sup>

### National SCHWA Day

National Schwa Day was created to celebrate learning to read featuring the most common vowel sound...the sound /uh/ (like the sound someone makes when trying to think of a word). It sounds like the short /u/ sound, but is unstressed. It is the only speech sound with its own special name: schwa. It is represented by the symbol ə and can be spelled by any of the vowels, including the semi-vowel 'y'. We celebrated the day reading "The Not-So-Lazy-SCHWA" and making our own SCHWA WALL.



SCHWA...Not lazy, just never stressed!



### April 22nd...Earth Day

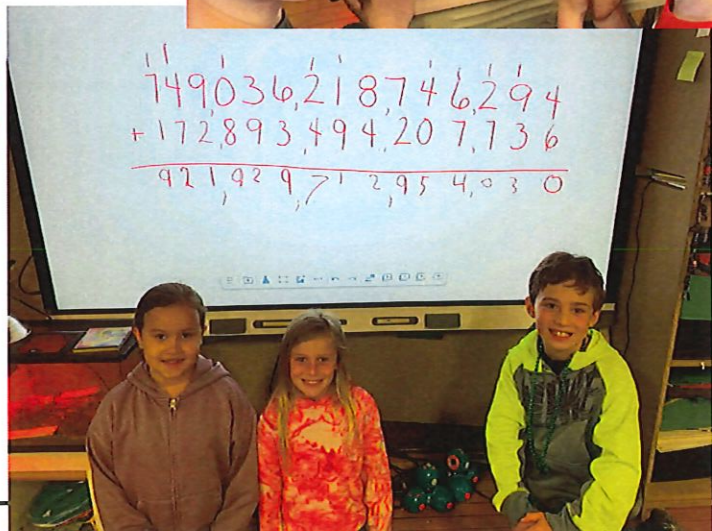
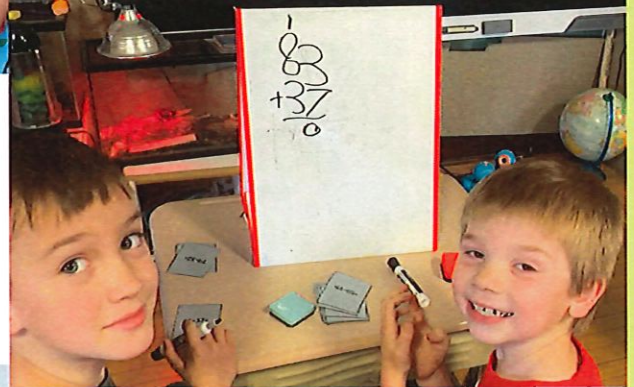
One of the things we did to celebrate Earth Day was find educational reasons to be outside! For science, we have been Sky Scientists investigating things related to our Spinning Earth. On Earth Day, we went to the parking lot to trace our shadows throughout the day. Once we realized our shadows changed as the day went on, we had fun predicting what they would look like and where they would be the next time we came out to trace. We were always right with our predictions!





## Everyone is REGROUPING...in Math that is!

In the olden days, when Mrs. Werner went to school, they called it "carrying" and "borrowing." Now we call it regrouping. We spend lots of time in first and second grade building the concept with ten frames, hundred charts, number lines and place value blocks. When we get the idea of how regrouping works, we get to our most preferred method...lining the numbers up by place value and REGROUPING! The first grade worked in pairs taking turns completing the ones place or the tens place in two-digit addition. The second grade discovered that once they could use regrouping with 3-digit numbers, they could conquer MANY digits!



### 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.





# MIDDLE SCHOOL ELA

April 2026

## What We Learned

### 3rd Grade ELA

Our 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Module is all about artists and what inspires them. So far, we have analyzed what inspired a character who drew/painted, an illustrator, and a choreographer. The choreographer, Alvin Ailey, created beautiful dances to some very catchy music. We all loved "Wade in the Water," inspired by outdoor baptisms.

### 4th Grade ELA

Our 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Module is about myths. We are learning about types of myths and comparing myths from different cultures. We have read Greek and Native American myths. The heroes and adventures in the Greek myths have made those some of our favorites to read.

### 5th Grade ELA

Our 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Module is about how sports can bring people together. We have learned about how rugby, running, and baseball can bring people together through Nelson Mandela, "Raymond's Run," and *We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball*.

### 6th Grade ELA

Our 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Module is about heroic actions in hostile environments. We have learned about the heroic actions of Ernest Shackleton and his crew when their expedition to Antarctic suffered disaster. We have also started to research other people whose heroic actions in hostile environments have positively impacted others.

## What We Learned

### 7th Grade ELA

Our 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Module is focusing on the effects of crises on citizens and society. We are reading both a novel and a non-fiction text about the yellow fever outbreak of 1793 in Philadelphia. We are working on research and presentations.

### 8th Grade ELA

Our 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Module is focusing on teens as change agents. We have been learning about Claudette Colvin (the original Rosa Parks) and her role in the civil rights movement. We have been working on letters and museum displays.

## Note from Ms. Rave

The 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders did very well with their Forensics performances. The 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders also did well with the poems they wrote for the National Poetry Contest.

PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR STUDENTS TO STAY ON TOP OF THEIR AR READING AND CURSIVE WORK!

## Contact Info

Please reach out if you have any questions :)  
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# MS. WOZNY'S NEWSLETTER

April 2026

## What We Learned

### Science

This month, the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders have been learning about **moon jellies**. They are investigating the dynamics of population growth. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders are finishing their unit on **ecosystem restoration**. They have been studying the connections between sloths, jaguars, and cecropia trees in the Costa Rican rain forest. Finally, the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade class is completing their unit on weather and climate. They have been collecting **weather data** (temperature and precipitation) for the last month!

### Religion

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders have been learning about the importance of the **Mass**. The focus has been on Jesus' being the most perfect sacrifice.

## What We Learned

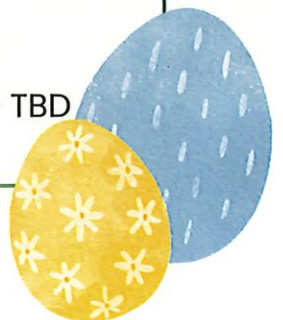
### Social Studies

The students have been learning about a variety of places in social studies this month. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders have been learning about the history of Europe, the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade class has been learning about south/southeast Asia, and the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade students are learning about the southeast states.



## Upcoming Events

- Science Fair: May 6, 6-7 PM
- No School: May 25
- School Picnic: May 27
- End of Year Field Trip - TBD



Happy smiles and gold medals!  
Quiz Bowl 2026 1<sup>st</sup> place winners



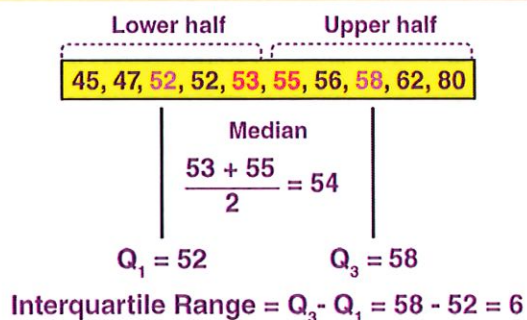
Look at all the blue ribbons!  
2026 NERR Forensics Competition results:



# MS MATH

Grade Three is on their way with Unit 7 Two Dimensional Shapes & Perimeter. We have been exploring attributes of shapes so that we can distinguish between triangles and a variety of quadrilaterals. Next we will be solving perimeter and area problems.

Grade Five will be interpreting geometric shapes with the help of the coordinate grid with Unit 7. We will be classifying triangles and quadrilaterals in a hierarchy based on properties of side length and angle measurements.



Grade Seven has some abbreviated vocabulary coming up with Unit 8 Probability and Sampling. In addition to sample space, outcome, chance experiment, probability, simulation, random, sample, representative sample, overrepresented, underrepresented, population, and proportion, there's ELAN, MAD, and IQR.

Grade Four has begun Unit 7 Angles and Angle Measurement. Before reasoning about angles, we will draw and identify points, lines, rays, segments, and parallel and intersecting lines in geometric figures. Additionally, we were able recognize shapes around our room and in art.

## What is a GCF?



The Greatest Common Factor (GCF) of 36 and 42 is 6.

Grade Six covered a variety of topics in Unit 7 on Rational Numbers. We had negative numbers, absolute value, inequalities, the coordinate plane, GCF, and LCM.

May 1, MS Math League Competition day has arrived. We hope our teams have a blessed and successful day. Our  $\pi$ -Rates are Claire Braunel, AliMae Martin, Logan Jacobs, and Lucas Schreier. Our Octagons are Isla Rudolph, Gabe Voigt, Drew Murkowski, and Jacob Hafferman. We are very proud of them in how they all practiced the virtue of perseverance!

# MS MATH



Eighth Grade has just begun Unit 8 on the Pythagorean Theorem and Irrational Numbers. But before reasoning about square roots and the proof of the theorem, they were excited to share their stories on traveling 4.5km in 8 minutes to match what was happening in a graph. Do you think they like ice cream? An ice cream stop was part of a couple of their stories.



Emma was going for a run. She ran 1 km then took a half minute break. Then she ran another kilometer and took a 1 minute break. Then she decided to give it her all and ran even faster for 2.5 km.~Claire



Claire was on her way to her grandmother's house, but wanted to see how fast she could get there. She started jogging. After 2 minutes, she saw an ice cream truck so she stopped for a half of a minute, but the ice cream truck was closed so she kept jogging at the same pace as before. After another 2 minutes, she saw another ice cream truck and she still really wanted ice cream, so she stopped again. This time the truck was open so she stopped to eat ice cream for a minute, but she saw that she was late so she started sprinting the last 3 km to her grandmother's house.~Alimae



🎵 "Elementary, My Dear"~Classics from about 50 years ago? Music 1-4 have been checking out Schoolhouse Rock songs. With Music 5-8, we have been joyfully celebrating the Easter season at Masses with a couple chime songs recently. The students have been doing a wonderful job!🎵