News from the 3K Classroom

October 2026

Look What We Learned

Our 3K classroom has been busy celebrating the season with so many hands-on fall and Halloween activities!

We jumped right into crafting this month. The kids had a blast painting ghosts—especially getting their hands messy to create spooktacular handprint art! We also explored watercolors with cute pumpkins and created lovely "Jack-O'-Lanterns for Jesus" crafts to celebrate God's light in our lives.

Storytime has been an absolute hit, too! The kids couldn't get enough of seasonal favorites like Room on the Broom, Creepy Carrots!, and so many other wonderful autumn tales. Thank you for sending such joyful, creative little learners to class every day!

With Love,
Mrs. Martin



Look What We Did



B is for the
Body and Blood of Christ

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day".

John 6:54

Reminders

As the weather cools down, please make sure your child brings full winter gear so we can enjoy playing outside safely! Reminder: Please send 2 pairs of water-resistant gloves/mittens labeled with your child's name. Having a backup pair helps keep little hands warm and dry all day long!

Classroom Newsletter

OCT. 2026

4-YEAR-OLD-KINDERGARTEN
MRS. FARBER

What We Learned

4-Year-Old Kindergarten:

In October, 4K students began learning the letters of the alphabet! Our focus letters this month were Ss, Aa, Pp, and Ii. Our letter learning involves both uppercase and lowercase versions of each letter, as well as the sounds associated with each letter, and basic handwriting practice. Our math has involved various hands on classroom activities such as "sink or float" and "how big around?". We have also enjoyed reading many fall and Halloween stories, and doing different fine motor activities (cutting, gluing, ripping paper, etc.) to go along with an October theme! Our dramatic play center this month was a Bakery - students enjoyed baking yummy treats for their teachers and friends, as well as pretending to decorate and sell different baked goods!
Some focus words : chef, baker, whip, roll, mix, stir, bake, taste.

Kindergarten Religion:

In religion class, 5K students have been learning about the rules God has for us as His children, knowing that we are fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14), and learning how to make decisions that follow the 10 Commandments. We recently began a unit all about Jesus' life, and the story of how he saved our great big world.

Reminders

All students participate and eat snack each day. It would be most appreciated if all families could bring 25 pre-packaged snacks at the beginning of each month. Thank you in advance for helping keep our snack supply (and these kiddos' learning brains!) full!

Upcoming Events

- NO SCHOOL
  - 11/6 Half Day of School
  - 11/9
  - 11/25-11/27
- Veteran's Day Program
  - 11/11
- Home & School Meeting
  - 11/16

Contact Info

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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!

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NEWSLETTER

Ms. Schraufnagel's 5K + 1st Grade





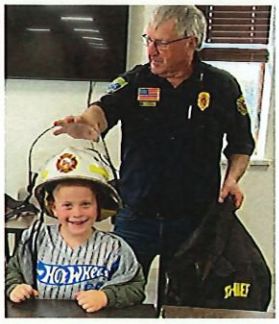


Hello

October is here & gone! We had so much fun this month with fire safety and all of our October projects! We have been working so hard this month, and students are doing an amazing job!

In the month of October, kindergarten and first-grade students have both been working very hard on UFLI. We have been practicing CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant) words. Students have all been working in their word work kits to blend sounds together and make CVC words. Please continue practicing at home and reading our decodable passages!







Reminders

- Students NEED a jacket for morning recess; it is getting very cold in our mornings!
- Please keep an eye on the weather as we enter November and the potential for snow!
- Refer to the handbook for proper recess attire.
- Please contact me if you need help supplying your student with winter gear:)

Important Dates

Nov 4: End of Quarter 1
Nov 5: Start of Quarter 2
Nov 6: Half Day of School
Nov 9: No School
Nov 11: Veterans Day Program
Nov 16: H&S Meeting
Nov 25-27: Thanksgiving Break



Mission Statement

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GRADE TWO NEWS

OCTOBER 2026

Can we ask you a question...

about graphs that is! While we were working on gathering data and organizing the information in line plots, picture graphs, and bar graphs, Mrs. Werner gave us a challenge...Write five good questions about our graphs. The prize was a cool question mark pillow. Mrs. Werner was pretty picky about spelling, handwriting, and grammar, but everyone was able to write at least five fantastic questions. Many of us even challenged ourselves to write ten or more!





How many question mark pillows were earned in all?

How many more green pillows were earned than pink pillows?

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GRADES ONE/TWO ART

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The Gospel Pumpkin and Sugar Skulls

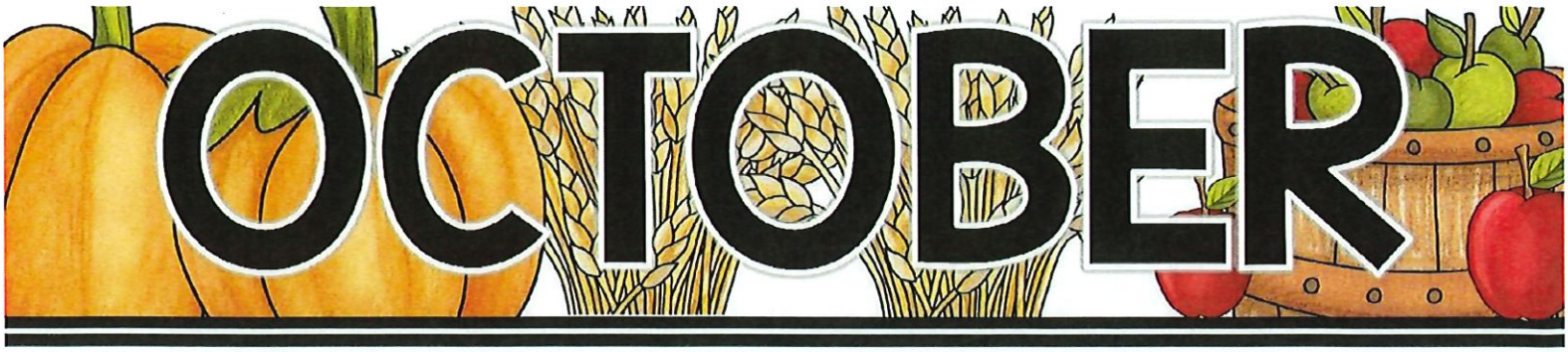


Pumpkins decorated with shining star eyes, our Savior's cross as a nose, and a fish-shaped mouth to inspire us to be "fishers of men" and spread the Good News!

"So let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16



Sugar Skulls to help us learn about the Mexican celebration of Day of the Dead and the connection to our own celebration of Hallowtide~All Hallows Eve, All Saints Day, and All Souls Day.

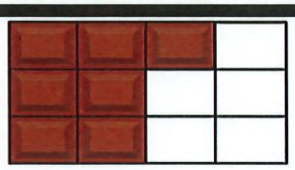


3rd & 4th Grade News

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In **3rd Grade ELA**, our exploration of the ocean has continued. Our focus is now on how scientists like Jacques Cousteau explore the sea. We were super excited to present our writings and illustrations about why and how scientists explore the sea to the 4K, 5K, and 1st Graders! We are also having fun learning about sharks and giant squid and how big they actually are - as long as from the stairs to the bathrooms/other stairs!

In **4th Grade ELA** we have been exploring poetry alongside the character Jack from *Love That Dog*. We have been reading lots of poems and discovering all the different elements of poetry. We have also started writing some poems in the styles of various poets.



We had fun in **3rd Grade Math** practicing our multiplication skills by making rectangles of different areas on the floor with masking tape!

4th Grade Math is full of fractions. We can compare all kinds of fractions using multiple methods.







We have been making fun fall projects in **Art.** These projects included carving pumpkins with the middle schoolers and collecting fall material from outside for 3D art projects.





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ELA NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2026 | MRS. MICHLIG



Grade 8

We have finished our unit on poetics and identity. Now, we move on to learning all about World War I by reading the classic novel, "All Quiet on the Western Front." Students will learn a lot about psychological affects of war.

Grade 6

Our unit on the Great Depression has come to an end. We learned about how people sustained their spirits in the Great Depression and how hard that time was for Americans.

We will be moving on to studying the Hero's Journey by reading two different Epics in our next module and comparing their unique journeys.

Grade 5

Grade 5 has finished their novel about the Nez Perce Native Americans and will begin learning about the importance of Wordplay in Norton Juster's novel, *The Phantom Tollbooth.*

This book is a very exciting one to read with tongue twisters, analogies, far-away lands, and many unique and interesting characters!



Grade 7

Grade 7 finished their unit on the Middle Ages and now we are moving on to learning about the Navajo Code Talkers of WWII. We will even be interpreting some Navajo code in class and will translate it to English!

Newsletter

Ms. Wozny's - Middle School

OCTOBER



What a busy month October was! We enjoyed the mild, fall weather. We also participated in the Blessing of the Pets, Living Rosary and STEAM/Literacy night, and Graveyard of the Saints. To celebrate Halloween, we carved pumpkins and enjoyed a fun Halloween party!

Religion

The 7th and 8th-graders are learning about the Magisterium, the liturgical year, and the role of Mary in our faith.

The 5/6 grade class has been taking a deep dive into the 10 Commandments. Recently, they have been learning about the 5th, 6th, and 9th: Do not kill, do not commit adultery, and do not covet your neighbor's wife.



Social Studies



Both social studies classes are studying early American history. They have been learning about the original 13 colonies. This includes the geography, religions, and natural resources of the 3 areas: the New England Colonies, the Middle Colonies, and the Southern Colonies. They will complete the unit by creating advertisement posters trying to draw new colonists to their area.

Science

The 7th and 8th grade science class spent October learning about forces and motion. They recently debated whether the mass of cars or the smooth surface was a factor in the collision on a movie set.

The 5th and 6th graders spent time learning about metabolism and cellular respiration. They recently debated whether an elite athlete used blood doping to increase his performance.

Upcoming Events

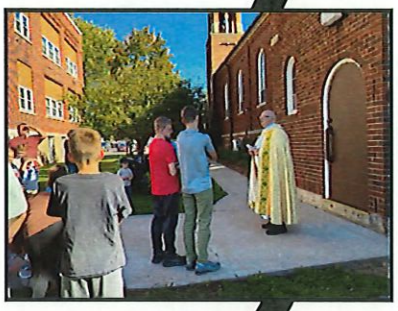
November 11
Veterans Day Assembly
November 23-25
Thanksgiving Break!

Blessing of Pets









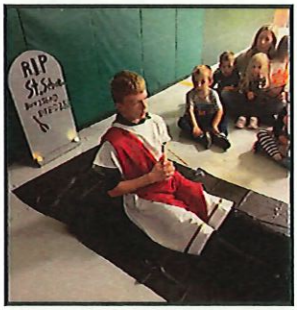
Graveyard of the Saints



St. Barbara



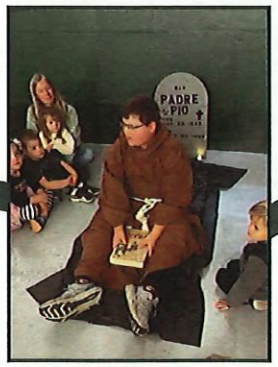
St. James
the Greater



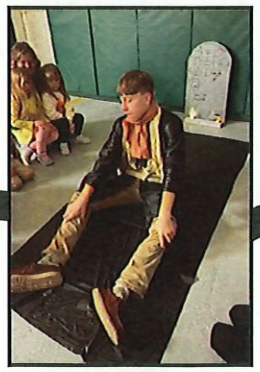
St. Sebastian



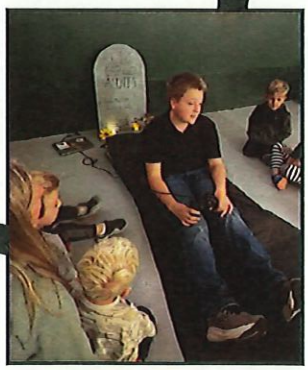
St. John
the Apostle



St. Padre Pio



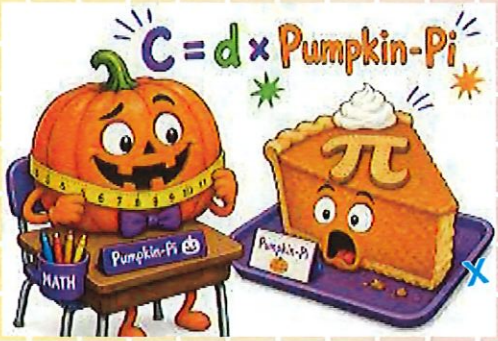
St. Drogo



St. Carlo Acutis

MS MATH

Grade Five did a great job with the second unit providing practice with the associative, commutative, and distributive properties involving unit fractions, non-unit fractions, whole numbers, and mixed numbers. We could recognize that multiple expressions could represent the same diagram.



Grade Seven cruised through Unit 2 with the intro to proportional relationships with the constant K and on to Unit 3 about circles. We were lead to the discovery that there is a proportional relationship involving circles. It is the circumference of a circle that is proportional to its diameter, with the very special constant of proportionality known as π. Bravo to Jacob for having TOP scores for both MATH JAMS that we have done so far!

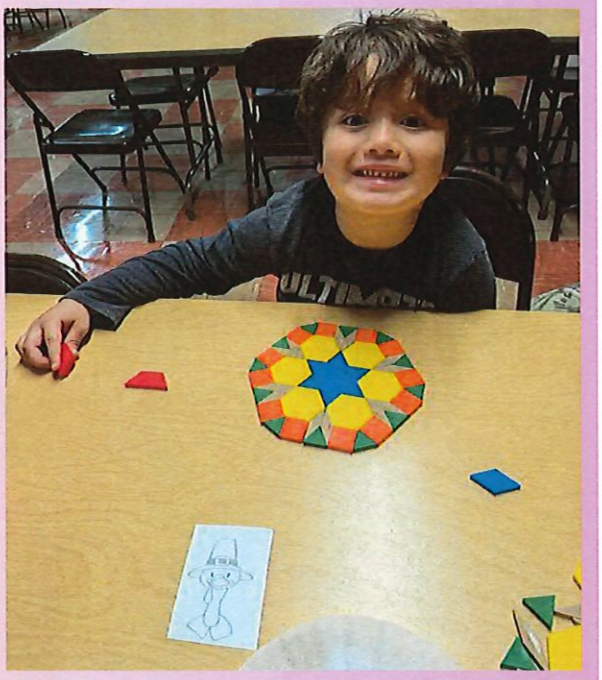
Grade Six were introduced to ratios. We represented ratios using tape diagrams, double/triple number lines, and tables. We practiced finding equivalent ratios by multiplying. Sometimes that meant multiplying by reciprocals. We found that phrases like "at this rate" or "at the same rate" were signals to situations that are characterized by equivalent ratios.

Eighth Grade completed Unit 2 with dilations, similarity, and an intro to slope. We kept corresponding sides and angles straight and recognized that angle measures are preserved while lengths are multiplied by a scale factor. Similarity of figures was recognized by applying changes such as rigid transformations and dilations. Then similar triangles sharing the same line gave us an introduction to the next new topic--slope.

Our students are looking forward to sharing their patriotic song selections with our veterans soon. Kindergarten through Grade 4 students are excited to join the Middle School students with a couple lively boomwhacker songs. Thanks to Ruthie for help with choreography!!

Glowing rhythms, STEAM Turkey Tessellations, and Jammin' with Math





Calculating a constant rate for 100m











We'd JAM more than once a month if we could but Math Jams are a once a month cooperative interactive Jeopardy-style competition where classes strive to earn as many points as possible. The puzzles for the JAMS vary in difficulty and focus on developing problem-solving and logical thinking skills.