



Mrs. Nuzzi's Kindergarten Panda Prints

Our Lady of Joy Catholic School

March 2012 Edition



Reading

Where has the year gone? I can't believe in three short months, my panda cubs will be first graders. I have enjoyed every moment with your wonderful children. Their reading progress continues to get better every day. In February, the children were reading books on the theme of weather in our reading curriculum. The children enjoyed reading about different types of weather. The children still amaze me on how much growth they all have made since August. In our reading groups, the children are starting to sound out unfamiliar words and using picture clues to help guide them in their reading. Thank you for your ongoing support at home reading with your child and working on their sight word flashcards. This Kindergarten class is on their way to a successful school year and will be ready for first grade. This month, our reading theme is all about plants. You will see books coming home talking about the oak tree life cycle and books on the different parts of plants.



Math

Last month, we learned about money. The children were introduced to a penny, a nickel, a dime, and a quarter. They learned about the value of each coin and how to identify each coin

from a picture. The children also learned to tell time by the hour and half hour on an analog clock and a digital clock. This month, we are learning about measurement and the different ways to measure things by using our hands and feet to measure items in the classroom. We have also learned how to estimate (guess) what we think the answer might be on a problem. We continue review the math skills we have learned in class through our daily calendar.



Religion

Last month in Religion, we talked about “Lent” and what and why we practice it in our faith. Last Wednesday was “Ash Wednesday.” This day marks the beginning of “Lent.” Each child made their very own pray chain called “Lent Links.” Each day, your child takes off a link and does the pray that is printed on the link. The chain goes all the way up to Easter except for the Sundays leading up to Easter. The children enjoyed making these chains and it’s a great reminder of how strong our faith is. This month, we will continue to talk about “Lent” and go over the story of Jesus and what he gave up for us. The children will be visiting the Stations of the Cross and making a reminder project of the great sacrifice Jesus did for us. The children continue to attend our school’s Atrium and learn about the beautiful things about our faith. Maria, the Atrium Instructor, told me the Kindergarten class is doing very well and she is so happy to share her love of our faith with them.



Science

In Science, we learned about all kinds of weather. We also learned about the four seasons. The children made weather books and wrote facts about the weather from what they learned in class. The children also wrote about their favorite type of weather or their favorite season. They had fun painting different type of weather formations (a cloud, the sun, a rainbow or a

lightning bolt) which are hanging in our classroom. This week we are learning about dinosaurs and in a few weeks, we will be learning all about plants and the parts of a plant.



Spanish

In Spanish, Mrs. Sanchez has been teaching them all about the different parts of the face (eyes, mouth, nose, and ears) in Spanish. The children also learned to say elephant in Spanish. The children enjoy the teachings of Mrs. Sanchez. It's nice to see the children recited the sign of the cross in Spanish and saying some Spanish words. Please remind your child to bring his/her orange Spanish folder every Thursday and please sign all homework. Thank you!



Water Bottles

I'm asking for all the children to bring in a small water bottle for them to use throughout the day. We have a water cooler inside the classroom that the children can refill their water bottles. We had paper cups in class but the usage started to be wasteful. The cups were only being used once and then thrown away which starts to add up in cost for the school. I would greatly appreciate if your child could bring in his/her own small water bottle labeled with their name on them. Thank you so much for your understanding in this matter.



I just wanted to say a big thank you for making my birthday so special. It was such a wonderful surprise to see such beautiful handmade cards and gifts. I want to thank you for the wonderful balloons and the delicious cake. You have been so great to me this year and I can't thank you enough for all your support. I feel very blessed to know each and every one of you. You and your child thoughtfulness are so greatly appreciated. Thank you again for such a wonderful day.



Important Dates for March:

March 7th - Early Release Day (12:00 Dismissal)

March 9th - NO SCHOOL

March 12th - NO SCHOOL

March 14th - Kindergarten Retreat 9-12 p.m.

March 16th - Bring in canned food to wear green. St. Patrick's celebration

March 18th - School Mass @ 9:00 a.m.

March 22nd - NO SCHOOL

March 28th - Donuts with Dad at 8:45 a.m. in Parish Hall

