

St. Mary School
Kindergarten Weekly Newsletter
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Dear Parents,

The children have been working on recognizing color words. As the week came to an end, we began talking about things relating to a favorite children's holiday- Halloween. We read some stories and worked on activities relating to bats. Next week, we will continue to read Halloween stories and work on activities relating to pumpkins, spiders and Halloween.

Star of the Week:

Rocco was our "Star of the Week". He brought in his football, his football helmet, a baseball, his Tornado's Mascot stuffed animal and his family. Rocco's favorite thing about being "Star of the Week" was having his family come in for sharing.

Learning Center Highlights by Theme

I Love School

- Listen to I Love School
- Sequence activities identifying first, second, and third
- Practice patterns
- Identify school items that are the same and different
- Listen to Hunter's Best Friend
- Illustrate things that friends do together
- Practice the high frequency word *like*

Colors

- Shared reading of I Can Read Colors and We See Colors, and Mary Wore her Red Dress
- Play Color Memory and Colors Toss Game
- Identify color words
- Act out Phonics poem, "Red, Blue, Green and Yellow"
- Listen to The Art Lesson and My Crayons Talk
- Listen to Who Said Red?
- Paint a picture using many colors
- Solve addition problems using crayons as manipulatives
- Identify colors with the season of Fall and do leaf crayon rubbings

Sparky and Eddie The First Day of School

- Listen to Sparky and Eddie
- Respond to story by illustrating something about their first day of school
- Compare characters from the story Sparky and Eddie
- Listen to Together
- Identify amounts using one-to-one correspondence
- Illustrate something that they like to do with their friends

Bats

- Listen to Stellaluna
- Learn facts about bats and put them on a construction paper bat
- Listen to Pinduli
- Identify the sequence of uppercase letters by completing a dot-to-dot bat
- Write words that rhyme with bat
- Play cooperatively the Stellaluna Game
- Measure items using a bat stick
- Manipulate puzzle pieces to put together a Stellaluna Puzzle

Something special the happened in our class:

Mr. Carney, Jack's dad, was our Mystery Reader this week. He read Pick A Pumpkin, Mrs. Millie! and Strega Nona's Harvest. The children really enjoyed both stories.

Reminders: October 31st - Halloween Parade

***Please send in a small pumpkin (about 5 inches tall) with your child on or before Tuesday morning.**