

St. Mary School
Kindergarten Weekly Newsletter
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Dear Parents,

It has been a wonderful Catholic Schools Week. This is a great time of year for us to reflect on how fortunate we are to be part of such a wonderful school. We would like to thank you for all your kindness and support not only on Teacher Appreciation Day but always. Thank you also for your generous donations of socks, flip flops, and baby items.

In Social Studies, we have been learning about how to be a good citizen. Children have been sharing ideas about how to keep our world clean and make it a better place to live. Please share with your child how your family practices good citizenship such as recycling, voting, helping others, etc.

Star of the Week:

Daniel was our “Star of the Week”. He brought in a deck of cards, matchbox cars, his marble set, a gold coin and his family. Daniel’s favorite thing about being “Star of the Week” was wearing his Star of the Week crown.

Learning Center Highlights by Theme

Election Day

- Experience voting for a Beanie Baby bear
- Identify presidential facts
- Listen to patriotic songs
- Explore probability using a penny
- Identify letters in Lincoln and Washington using an uppercase letter for the first letter and lowercase for the rest
- Dictate and illustrate what they would do if they were the President
- Identify words beginning with ch
- Listen to What Does a President Do?

Groundhog Day

- Listen to Shadows Everywhere
- Create a groundhog booklet while identifying positional words
- Compare the length of a groundhog to other objects
- Play the Groundhog Game
- Experiment with shadows using classroom materials and a flashlight
- Predict if the groundhog will see his shadow- the children were right, 17 guessed that he would see his shadow
- Piece together a jumbled groundhog puzzle

Penguins

- Interact with Five Little Penguins Slipping on the Ice, Little Penguins Tale, and Plenty of Penguins
- Follow directions to create a penguin booklet
- Use visual discrimination to make a snowman puzzle
- Dress a penguin with winter clothing
- Listen to Three Cheers for Tacky and The Penguin Who Wanted to Fly
- Practice addition

The Olympics

- Listen to Elympics
- Create a web of Winter and Spring Olympic activities
- Color the Olympic rings
- Illustrate in their journal a sport that they would like to participate in at the Olympics
- Reinforce ordinal numbers by placing the winners in order
- Practice graphing skills using information about the Olympics

Looking Ahead: February 10th- **100th Day Baggies should be sent to school**
February 10th - **Valentine Cards to be brought into school**
February 11th- **Winter Warm-Up Day- Children wear pink and/or red summer clothing!**
February 15th- February 19th – **February Vacation**