

St. Mary School  
Kindergarten Weekly Newsletter  
[zyberts@stmarysparish.org](mailto:zyberts@stmarysparish.org)  
[mcloughline@stmarysparish.org](mailto:mcloughline@stmarysparish.org)

Dear Parents,

The children enjoyed participating in Valentine's Day activities together. We have been talking about feeling happy when we care about others. It surely made them happy to share cards and a little party with their classmates.

We hope you all enjoy our Winter Vacation!!

**Star of the Week:**

Emily was our "Star of the Week". She brought in a purse, a Heidi Klum doll, a pony set, a couple of Barbie dolls and her family. Emily's favorite thing about being "Star of the Week" was bringing in her items to share with the class.

### Learning Center Highlights by Theme

#### Chinese New Year

- Listen to and discuss Celebrating Chinese New Year and D is for Dragon Dance
- Create a booklet about Chinese New Year
- Create a Chinese New Year's Banner
- Listen to Lion Dancer
- Discover and explore Chinese writing
- Create a Dragon or Lion Puppet
- Complete a dragon maze and practice writing Chinese numbers through 10

#### Valentine's Day

- Recognize number words
- Share reading of The Missing Tarts and The Baker's Cake
- Listen to A Cake All for Me and Old King Cole's Party
- Practice writing a sentence using correct spacing and then decorate their favorite type of cake
- Listen to Celebrating Valentine's Day
- Sing the song *HEART*
- Practice alphabetical order
- Write Valentine's Day's words
- Listen to Best Valentine Book, Big Shark's Valentine Surprise, and Olive, My Love
- Pass out valentines
- Write the names of family members to fill in on the *I Love Somebody* song
- Create designs on 9 different hearts
- Reinforce consonant sounds at the beginning and ending of words
- Identify the amount of syllables in the valentines words
- Make a mailbox and identify items that a mail carrier delivers
- Recognize more and less when working with valentine items

**Something special happened in our classroom:**

This week we had Mrs. Degon, Ben's mom, as our Mystery Reader. She read One Winter's Day and The Wind in the Willows. The children enjoyed these stories.

**Looking Ahead:** February 15<sup>th</sup>- February 19<sup>th</sup> – **February Vacation**  
February 17<sup>th</sup> – **Ash Wednesday**

**Important Information: We sent home your child's rest mat. Please wash it and return it on Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.**