

St. Mary School
Kindergarten Weekly Newsletter
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Dear Parents,

As you have probably noticed, the children have been working on writing sentences and sounding out words. The children have been doing a very nice job remembering to leave a finger space between words and using punctuation marks.

In Math, we have been working on subtraction. The children did a wonderful job using manipulatives (beans) to solve subtraction problems. We also continue to elaborate on patterns, 3D shapes, addition and measurement.

Star of the Week:

Shawn was our “Star of the Week”. He brought in a book about Space, a Bakugan, a Bionicle and his family. Shawn’s favorite thing about being Star of the Week was sharing his items with the class.

Learning Center Highlights by Theme

Opposites (Lion/Lamb)

- Listen to Orla’s Upside Down Day
- Illustrate and write about something that they would like to do upside down
- Identify opposites on activity page *A Lost Lamb*
- Experiment with probability by flipping happy and sad faced beans
- Listen to Alice and Greta
- Estimate and check how many pom-poms will fit on the lion and the lamb
- Create a lamb using coffee filters and cotton balls

What’s Up

- Read the book *What’s Up?*
- Illustrate something that can go up and down and practice writing high-frequency words *up* and *down*
- Use correct formation and practice writing sentences to answer “What’s Up?”
- Listen to Green Eggs and Ham
- Measure using a non-standard form of measurement
- Review positional words to interact with the booklet “Up, Up, and Away”

Swing High, Swing Low

- Listen to the book Swing High, Swing Low
- Respond to literature by drawing and labeling a pair of opposites from the story
- Practice word building skills by filling in the missing sound
- Listen to Sing a Song of People
- Practice subtraction
- Distinguish reality from fantasy
- Finish the sentences “Look up at the ...” and “Look down at the..” and then illustrate

The Most Perfect Spot

- Listen to The Most Perfect Spot
- Respond by illustrating
- Choose a place or building they would like to visit and illustrate
- Listen to The Stray Dog
- Reinforce pattern skills
- Become familiar with basic map skills
- *Construct* the Town of Shrewsbury

Looking Ahead:

March 17th – Mass at 8:30

March 17th – St. Patrick’s Day (**Out of Uniform Day- Wear Something Green**)