



## S A I N T F R A N C I S O F A S S I S I S C H O O L

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***Saint Francis of Assisi Mission Statement:** We are a Catholic community of faith striving to follow Jesus, pledging each day to do our best by imitating Saint Francis of Assisi as "Instruments of peace." Our goal is to maintain a safe and healthy environment and to be academically prepared for this technological age.*

**From the desk of Mrs. Walrath  
Kindergarten Teacher**



### **Kindergarten Newsletter April 2010**

**Our learning themes this month are:  
Seeds/Plants, Insects, our Earth**

#### **Important Dates to Remember**

(4/1) - Noon Dismissal - Holy Thursday

(4/2) - No School - Good Friday

(4/5) - No School - Easter Monday

(4/19-4/23) - School Vacation - No School

(4/26-4/30) - Science Week

#### **REMINDERS:**

⌚ For this Lenten season, our kindergarten class has been focusing on the theme of being kind, doing good works, and giving to others. As a class, we have learned different ways to show kindness to others, and to do good deeds. In this way, our class is "letting our lights SHINE while we are learning to follow in Jesus' footsteps. We will continue to learn about Easter through books and many other fun learning activities this month. Also, we will be learning about the special symbols of Easter time. We will be learning about the candles that remind us of how Jesus showed us the light, the lamb reminds us of Jesus' sacrifice, the eggs that remind us of Jesus' becoming alive again, and the Easter lily that reminds us of new life. A special "thank you" to everyone who participated in our kindness fundraiser for Easter. After Easter we will let you know how much money we have raised as a class, as well as how many animals will be able to bless a needy country with. I am

very proud of all of the children! They have demonstrated so many beautiful acts of kindness.

🕒 The last week of April, SFA is celebrating "Going Green" with our annual Science Week. We will be learning about how we can take care of the Earth and the importance of keep our Earth beautiful. We will have many exciting assemblies during Science week. A representative from Beld Electric will be here to teach our students about how electricity works and how we can conserve electricity. We will have a special puppet show where will get to learn about space. During science week, we will also learn about the history of rockets and space shuttles! **We love science week!! We are excited about our special guest that will be coming to our school. The fee for this special week is \$10. Thank you!**

🕒 This month our kindergarten class will continue to lead the school in morning prayers with the help of their fifth grade buddies. Two students will go each morning to do their prayers over the loud speaker. We are very excited about this opportunity to show the school how hard we have been working to learn our prayers. I sent a schedule home during conference week of who will be going when, and what prayers they will be reciting. Please refer to the schedule to know when your child's day is so that they will be prepared. We will also be reminding the children ahead of time as their ay gets close. Thank you for helping your child practice at home.

🕒 We are very excited to have learned how to properly write all the uppercase and lowercase letters of the alphabet!! You can help your child at home by encouraging them to always start at the top when writing letters, and to try their best to hold the pencil with a tri-pod grip. They all know how to do it now, but they may need some positive reinforcement to remember how to do it properly. This practice will help your child in the future. For the rest of the school year, we will be continuing to use what we have learned to build on our writing and reading skills.

🕒 In math this month we will be finishing chapter 8. We have been learning a lot about addition and how we are ready to learn about subtraction. We are really doing well in math and I'm proud of all the students for their progress!

🕒 In reading this month, we will be learning to read at least four more books. The children are really enjoying learning to read and are doing a wonderful job sounding out the words. As the students are bringing home more and more books that they can read, please continue to encourage them to practice reading each night.

🕒 I hope you have a blessed Easter with your family!

Happy Spring,  
Mrs. Walrath and Miss Matta