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From the desk of Mrs. Walrath
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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 St. 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.

January 2010
Kindergarten Newsletter



Monthly Themes: "New Year 2010", "Penguins", "Winter",
"Martin Luther King Jr.", and hibernation.

Dates to Remember

Throughout the Month of January:

Monday - 1/4 - School Resumes

Friday - 1/15 - School Liturgy and Noon Dismissal

Monday - 1/18 - Martin Luther King Jr. day - NO SCHOOL

- ✓ I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas vacation. Happy 2010 to you all! Here in kindergarten, we are so excited for the second half of our school year. We have so much more learning and growing to do. It's a very exciting time! Stayed tuned in for more information as we progress through our school year.
- ✓ We have much to learn about in science and social studies through our themes this month. We will be learning about the New Year through various calendar exercises. We will be learning about the season of winter. The children will be learning about the temperature and weather during winter months, as well as hibernation in both plants and animals. We will also be learning about penguins, a fun winter animal! In addition, we will be learning about an appreciation for the works of Martin Luther King Jr. We will learn that Martin Luther King Jr. was a good leader who worked hard to promote peace and equality in our country. The children will be learning about how Martin Luther King Jr. wanted people to get along nicely with each other. He also wanted people to solve problems by talking to each other peacefully. In class we will be doing some fun art projects, and we will be learning different ways to show kindness and acceptance for each other. We look forward to displaying our artwork outside our classroom for all to see.
- ✓ This month in our reading program, we will be learning to read many more new pre-decodable books. Our new books we will be learning to read have many new sight words in them. We will be sending new books home after we learn to read them. Each book will introduce new vocabulary words, as well as use sight words from previous pre-decodable books. An entire list of the reading sight words we are working on this year can be found on my website

www.sfab.org/mrswalrathsclassroom.htm) Please remember the importance of reading with your child each night. Thank you for your continued support.

- ✓ In math we are progressing very well. As we prepare to begin a new chapter in math, we will use what we have already learned to build our new knowledge onto. We will be learning about geometry, fractions, and measurement in math this month.
- ✓ In religion this month, we will learn how Jesus is our friend. We will learn a Bible story about how Jesus blesses children, how we belong to a church family, how the saints are special friends of God, and how the Holy Spirit helps us each day.

Happy New Year!

-Mrs. Walrath and Miss Matta