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Kindergarten Newsletter - March 2010



Our Monthly Themes are:

"Lent - Acts of Kindness", "St. Patrick", "Dr. Seuss", and "Spring"

Important Dates to Remember

Friday - March 12th - No School - (Professional Day for Teachers)

Friday - March 19th - Noon Dismissal - School Liturgy at 8:45 a.m.

Tuesday - March 23rd - Report Cards Distributed

Optional Parent-Teacher Conferences TBA

REMINDERS:

- ✓ For the Lenten season, our kindergarten class will be focusing on the theme of being kind, doing good works, and giving to others. We will be learning about the importance of having good character and being kind to others. This year we are combining with our fifth grade buddies to raise money for a special Lenten fundraiser. We will be doing extra kind deeds at home to earn money. The money will then be sent into school throughout the Lenten season. At Easter, we will combine the money we raise with our fifth grade buddies class to buy a farm animal for a village in a struggling country with the help of a special organization called "Heifer International". Please visit the website at www.heifer.org for more information about our special fundraiser. Thank you for your support with helping us to be extra kind and giving. In this way, we will be helping others and following in Jesus' footsteps. As a result, we will be continuing with our yearly theme as we are "Letting out Lights SHINE in Kindergarten!"



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- ✓ Also, we will be reading many books throughout the Lenten season that teach us about patience, responsibility, respect, courage, peacefulness, friendliness, and consideration. As a class, we will learn different ways to show kindness to others, and to do good deeds. In class, we will be making a kindness chain to decorate throughout the classroom. Each time a child brings in money for the fundraiser, we will write what they did to earn the money on a strip of paper. We will then use the strips of paper to make a large chain of kindness that will go all around our classroom.
- ✓ **Operation Rice Bowl** - This is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services: the official overseas relief and development agency of the Catholic community in the United States. This is a school-wide tangible project that children can participate in helping others. The "Rice Bowls" have already been sent home. "Rice bowls" with the contributions are due back to school by April 2nd.
- ✓ This month we will also be learning about St. Patrick. We will be learning that St. Patrick was the patron saint of Ireland. We will also be learning about the importance of his life. We will be reading many books based on our theme. On Wednesday, March 17th, at 12:45 in the afternoon, we will have a St. Patrick's Day celebration. If you signed up to bring in items for our party, please remember to send them in for our celebration. Thank you!!
- ✓ "*Spring*" is another of our learning themes planned for the month of March. We will be learning about the season of spring and what changes appear between winter and spring. We will be discussing weather, plants, and animals. We will be reading many books about spring time this week. Also, at the end of the week, we will be planting seeds and learning about how seeds grow! We are very excited to be moving into a new season!!
- ✓ In reading this month, we will begin learning to read our decodable books from our reading program. We are very excited about getting to the next level of learning to read. We have been working very hard, and I am proud of all of the children as they are growing and learning. Please continue to read with your



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child every night, and allow them to practice reading their new books on a daily basis. I am sending home a list of all the sight words the children have learned and will be learning this year in kindergarten. You can also find this list on my website. www.sfab.org/mrswalrathclassroom.htm

- ✓ Soon our class will be leading the school in our morning prayers and pledges. You can find a copy of the prayers and pledges we say in the morning everyday on my website. You may want to give your child additional practice, by reciting these prayers and pledges with them at home. I will let you know of the exact dates as soon as I know.
- ✓ We are doing so excellent academically! In math this month, we are moving on to money and time. Please review the information we are learning in class with your child at home, as these concepts are difficult and challenging for kindergarten. Next month we will be learning about addition and subtraction!
- ✓ As the school year progresses, I reflect on the learning, growth, and development of all our precious students. They are such an excellent group of little people and I am proud to say I am their teacher.

Happy Learning,
Mrs. Walrath and Miss Matta

