



Kindergartners in the News

November 2, 2011

Dear Parents,

This week we learned the name and sound for letters “M” and “m”. We continue to work on discriminating the letter names and sounds that have been taught. Please continue to practice the upper-case and lower-case letter names and sounds with your child at home. The extra practice really makes a difference.

Ben was our next Kindergartner to take home our Magical Letter Can. He returned the can on Tuesday with 5 items that began with the “m” sound (mouth guard, marker, Michigan, mask and money). He read the clues for each item that he and his family wrote for the Kindergartners. The boys and girls had fun guessing what items were inside the can. Thank you to Ben’s family for making learning fun! Mrs. Abid will send the Magical Letter Can home with another student on Friday.

Our Halloween party was Monday afternoon. It was a lot of fun! A big THANK YOU to Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Lauria, our head room parents, for organizing the party! Also, THANK YOU to all the parents who helped to make the party a success. We appreciate all your talents and efforts! It’s always fun to have a class party!

This week our Religion lessons focused on the theme “Quiet is Good”. We learned God speaks to us in quiet (Psalm 131:2). We cannot see or hear God, but God is always with us. God meets us in the quiet of our hearts.

Today we went into church as this is a holy, quiet place where we can meet Jesus in a special way. To show that we know Jesus is present in church, we genuflected facing the tabernacle before sitting down in the pews. While in church, we prayed the prayer we learned this week: “My heart is quiet within me, O Lord.”

This month we will learn about saints. We have begun to learn that the saints had a special love for God, told others about God’s love and lived a holy and faith-filled life. We will learn to love one another, help others and pray as the saints did.

On Tuesday, we read the book My Favorite Saints and learned a few interesting facts about several saints. We also attended the All Saints Day Mass with the rest of the St. Paul School student body on Tuesday afternoon.

For our Math lessons this week, we counted and identified the quantity of 6 using different arrangements of objects (counting by ones, twos and threes). Also, we did another lesson counting and identifying the quantity of 7 using different objects. The boys and girls learned how to write these numerals. Please help your child at home identify and compare quantities 1 - 10. Please provide many opportunities for your child to count objects and associate the quantity of the objects with the correct number.

We have 2 sets of “smencils” (scented, colored pencils) in our classroom. The boys and girls enjoy using these pencils occasionally to complete their work. Some of the scents on the pencils are root beer, bubble gum, grape, orange, and very berry. One student told me she would like to put “smencils” on her Christmas list.

We are also working on holding our pencils with a two- finger grasp. Please reinforce this with your child at home when he/she is writing.

Each month the boys and girls will sit at a new table. Tuesday was “Change Table Day”. Please ask your child what table they now sit at and the names of their friends who are at their table.

The end of the first quarter of school will be Friday. Kindergartners do not receive a report card for the first quarter of school. Mrs. Abid and I will discuss your child’s progress with you at our upcoming Parent/Teacher conference.

If you have not returned the Parent/ Teacher Conference request form that was sent home with the “From the Halls of St. Paul’s” newsletter previously, please return it by Monday, November 7th. The returned information will help us when we are scheduling conferences. If the form is not returned, you will be assigned a conference time.

We will have “Rosary Day” on Monday. Each child will meet with me, one-on-one, to say the names of the prayers that are said when we touch the beads on the rosary. After each child has had their turn, he/she will “earn” a rosary to take home.

As the weather is getting colder, you may want to send a hat and mittens/gloves to school with your child to be worn during outdoor recess. Please label your child’s coat, hat, mittens as it makes it easier to find the owner if something is lost.

Upcoming Events:

November 4	End of First Quarter of School
November 7	Rosary Day – Students will “earn” a rosary to take home.
November 10	Picture Retake Day
November 17	Parent/Teacher Conferences – 5:00PM - 8:00PM
November 21	Parent/ Teacher Conferences – 5:00PM - 8:00PM
November 22	Half-day of school - 11:00AM dismissal
November 23 - 27	No School – Thanksgiving Vacation