

NEWSLETTER

ASSUMPTION PRESCHOOL AND PREKINDERGARTEN

This week's News ~ Jan. 22-26, 2024

Preschool:

- **Tuesday**, we identified the homes that hibernators use for their winter nap. We sorted and matched counting bears into their caves, we sang a bear song, we traced paths from the animals to their homes, we went on a bear hunt and experienced the different hurdles along the way, and we recognized hibernators and non-hibernators by listening to the animal descriptions. We also read "Animals in Winter".
- We read the Bible story of the burning bush. We discussed how God spoke with Moses and gave him directions. We also talked about how important it is to listen to God and to do the right thing.
- **Thursday** was our Warm and Fuzzy Day. We dressed in our PJ's, slippers, robes, and brought blankets and pillows. We ate a special snack of pancakes, chocolate milk, and apple sauce. We got to listen to stories while lying down.
- We talked about the clothes we wear in winter and how they are different than those we wear in summer. We sang a fun song about putting these clothes on. We also identified, glued, and colored paper winter clothes on paper dolls.
- Some of us worked on counting and colors using unifix cubes and some of us used clothespins to point to the correct number and color.

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Prekindergarten:

- **Monday**, we started learning about the Antarctic and the animals that live there. We talked about how they have adapted to the coldest place on earth. We drew and colored the Antarctic on our world and cut and glued pictures of some of the animals. We copied and made poses named after animals of the Antarctic.
- We had fun at music class with Ms. Varon. We practiced a dance with clapping and bowing movements. We also practiced listening to directions as we moved to music with scarves.
- We enjoyed playing through an obstacle course and with the parachute at indoor recess.
- We worked on the letters M,m and N,n. We practiced the sound they made and named pictures that begin with them.
- We talked about rhyming words and practiced with 3-letter words. We also clapped and counted the syllables in our names.

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- **Wednesday**, we talked about the Emperor Penguins that live in the Antarctic. We read a book and took a “quiz”, discussing how they survive in the “coldest place on earth”. We also described and modeled, using bean bags, how the male Emperor takes care of the eggs by placing them on their feet and keeping them warm, and subsequently, taking care of the hatchlings until the female comes back with food. We colored pictures of other animals that live in Antarctica, using 5 colors and staying inside the lines.
- We practiced writing the M,m and N,n, holding the pencil correctly, starting at the top, and hopping back to the top with the upper-case and pushing back up the line for lower case.
- We worked on balancing skills and listening to directions with the bean bags.
- Some of the children worked on placing their alphabet in order A-N.
- Today was an early release day.
- **Friday**, we went to Mass with the K-8 students. We were paired with our 4th grade buddies. We were able to discuss the topic of the Homily when we got back to the classroom. We remembered that, like seeds we plant which grow with our care, God plants us and we grow, in our bodies, in our minds and in our spirits.
- We cut and glued hearts together to make “heart fish” for our bulletin board.
- We played the “Oh My” scarf game, jogged and balanced in PE with Coach Eager.
- Some of us made a card by painting and the others worked on counting out items 1-10 and counting groups of 10 in different configurations. We are also working on rote counting 1-30.
- We talked about the bird with the longest wingspan in the world that lives in the Antarctic which is the Wandering Albatross. We saw pictures, watched it fly in a video and measured how long (12 feet) its wingspan is.

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- *Please remember, every Wednesday is an early release day at 2:00 p.m.*
- *One of our many goals is to teach independence to your child. We ask them to attempt all self-care (toileting, putting on shoes, putting on jackets, carrying their bags, hanging up their backpacks and coats, etc.) by themselves before helping if needed. We would appreciate if you would support this at home by allowing them to do as much as they can. They will surprise you!*

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Upcoming events in January & February

- **Jan. 26** – Re-enrollment for current families starts
- **Jan. 28-Feb. 3** – Catholic Schools Week
- **Jan 29** – No School – Teacher workday
- **Feb. 4**– Open House for 1-8th grades 11:30-1:30
- **Feb. 7** – State of the School Presentation- Mr. Anderson 7:00 p.m.-gym
- **Feb. 11** – Superbowl Party Fundraiser 2-8pm in the gym
- **Feb. 13th**– Red,Pink and White Day, Valentine’s Day celebrated today! (P-8)
- **Feb. 14th**– Red,Pink and White Day (**Prek only**)
- **Feb. 14th**– Ash Wednesday, School Mass at 12:30 pm
- **Feb. 16** – No school/ Curriculum Day for staff
- **Feb. 19th and 20th** – No school for President’s Day and Midwinter Break
- **Feb. 23rd** – Used Uniform Sale

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