

NEWSLETTER

ASSUMPTION PRESCHOOL AND PREKINDERGARTEN

This week's News ~ Jan. 8-12, 2024

Preschool:

- **Tuesday**, we talked about what makes snow. We talked about snowflakes and how they are made. We looked at pictures and noticed snowflakes are not alike and they have 6 sides. We made our own by cutting shapes in coffee filters and water coloring them. We also made a snowflake counting game 1-12, and we did snowflake movement. We read a couple of fun snow stories.
- **Thursday**, we talked about animals that hibernate. We read a book about "Bears and their Dens". We identified other animals and where their winter homes might be. We matched pictures and glued. We sang a hibernation song with movement.
- We practiced recognizing shapes, sorted small/med/lg and shorter to tallest, matched alphabet letters, and worked puzzles at center table time.
- We played with shovels, rakes, buckets, and magnifying glasses outside at recess. We studied the hail that had collected on the tables.
- We talked about how Jesus calls our name, like our friends do.

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Prekindergarten:

- **Monday**, we had music class with Ms. Varon. We practiced singing to Melody the Elephant puppet, singing in echo, keeping rhythm, and responding.
- We talked about the Arctic (North Pole) and some of the animals that live there. We drew the Arctic Circle on a world map, cut out pictures of animals that live there and glued them on the globe. We also colored pictures of Arctic animals.
- We had indoor recess where we moved to video music and we moved like arctic animals with a freeze song.
- We learned about the letters K,k and L,l, where they were in the alphabet, the sounds they make, words that begin with them, and names that have these as beginning letters and inside.
- **Wednesday**, we learned some facts about Polar Bears which we read in a book. We also read and moved to Polar Bear, Polar Bear and we created a relief painting with cotton and white paint on black paper.
- We practiced our cutting with shapes and glued them onto paper.
- We practiced writing the letters K,k and L,l
- Today was an early release day.

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- **Friday**, we talked about Arctic Foxes, Wolves, and Hares. We looked at and listened to books about these animals and answered questions. We also colored pictures, using our best coloring.
- We talked about Martin Luther King Jr. (being honored on Monday), listened to a book about him and we made handprints in rainbow colors to represent a dream of treating all friends with kindness and care.
- We played Minnows and Sharks at PE in the gym with Coach Eager. We also had scarf play to music.
- In Seeds religion with Mrs. Hanson, we talked about how important it is to always listen to God, as we must listen at school and at home.
- We listened to a story with Mrs. Kim in the library and checked out books for the classroom.

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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!

Upcoming events in January & February

- **Jan. 18** – Warm and Fuzzy Day
- **Jan. 26** – Prekindergarten will attend Mass
- **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
- **Feb. 7** – State of the School Presentation- Mr. Anderson
- **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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