

NEWSLETTER

ASSUMPTION PRESCHOOL AND PREKINDERGARTEN

This week's News ~ March 18-22, 2024

Preschool:

- **Tuesday**, we continued our Lenten journey with song, prayer, kind act, and moving on the path. Our prayer was about those who have hurt our feelings, and our kindness act was forgiving others. We practiced saying "I forgive you".
- We talked about elephants and how they use their trunks for many things. We created an elephant using our handprints. We reported what we know about elephants. We looked at pictures in 2 books and read about elephants. We practiced counting to 5 by "feeding the elephant peanuts".
- We practiced recognizing the monthly shape which is "rhombus". We located rhombuses around the room, then we found other shapes and identified them.
- **Thursday**, we continued our Lenten journey with song, prayer, kind act, and moving on our path. Our prayer was for those who are scared, and our kind act was to draw a picture for someone.
- Today's learning topic was monkeys and apes. We read about some differences, looked at pictures and decided if they were monkeys (with tails) or apes (without tails). We colored, cut, and glued a picture of the 5 Little Monkeys and their bed. We balanced monkeys on a scale to make them even and we worked alphabet puzzles with partners.
- We moved to a jungle rhyme inside, and we took the cars, jeeps, tractors, and dump trucks outside to play.
- We talked about Palm Sunday during Chapel Time. We waved paper palm branches while singing Hosanna.

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Prekindergarten:

- **Monday**, we continued our Lenten journey with song, prayer, kind act, and marking our path.
- We talked about God being "3-in-1", the Father, The Son, the Holy Spirit. We created a "Trinity Shamrock" by cutting, assembling, and gluing 3 hearts and symbols.
- We talked about Tornadoes and read a book on weather.
- We learned how to make the letter V,v and the number 5. We identified "V" pictures and we wrote the names of those which had a V. We also practiced saying our "whole" names (first, middle, last).
- We read "The Three Billy Goats Gruff", preparing for Wednesday when we act it out.
- We used Monkey Mind's "The Golden Sun" for calming.

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- **Wednesday**, we continued our Lenten journey with song, prayer, kind act, and marking our path. Our prayer today was for the doctors, nurses, dentists, and others who take care of our health. Our kind act was to compliment someone on their work.
- Our classic story today, was "The Three Billy Goats Gruff". We created a picture of the bridge, the three Billy Goats and the Troll, we colored a picture of the characters, and we acted the story out.
- We practiced writing the letters V,v and the number 5. V was tricky, but they all did a great job on number 5!
- Today was our early release day.
- **Friday**, we attended Mass with the rest of the school. Since the children were extra reverent, quiet, and calm, they each received a star award for being responsible. We discussed the message of Fr. Moore's Homily, which was that we must keep renewing ourselves in Jesus, by praying every day and listening to his messages.
- We learned about Palm Sunday during Seeds and colored a picture of Jesus entering the city on a donkey. He was welcomed by people waving palm leaves and saying "Hosanna". We also talked about the 5th Commandment and put it in our tablets.
- We read and acted in the "Gingerbread Man" story.
- We had fun playing Hokey Pokey - Hula Hoop style at PE in the gym with Coach Eager, and we listened to a story and checked out books at library time with Mrs. Kim.

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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 March and April, 2024

- **March 21st** – Chrism Mass at St. James Cathedral in Seattle 7pm
- **March 29th** – Good Friday, Early Release @ 11:45am
- **March 29th** – 6th and 7th grades Prayer in the Garden and Stations of the Cross starting at 10 am
- **April 1st to April 5th** – **Spring Break/Easter Break**
- **April 10th** – Casual Uniform Day (ACS t shirts and jeans)
- **April 12th** – Tamale Fundraiser Pick Up 3-4pm
- **April 16th** – Class pictures with dress uniforms for Preschool and K-8 (*8th grade has free dress: see guidelines in handbook*)
- **April 17th** – Class pictures for the Prek class
- **April 24th** – PTC General Meeting 7pm
- **April 26th** – Prek will attend Mass
- **April 26th** – Variety Show 7pm

PLEASE SEE THE WEDNESDAY NEWSLETTER ON ASSUMPTION SCHOOL WEBPAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE ABOVE.

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