



St Rose of Lima School

Classy News

Preschool News by Mrs. Morrison

We are having a great start to the fall season at preschool. We always enjoy the start of the fall season it brings so many fun projects. We have been learning about the changing of weather. Another topic we have been learning about is apple and apple trees. A very famous man for preschool in the fall is Johnny Appleseed. The preschoolers love to hear about him every year. Finally last week we got to learn about fire safety. All of the classes enjoyed the visit from the fire trucks. We hope everyone enjoys this fall weather.

First Grade News by Mrs. Beacom

Fall is great in 1st grade as we are having fun with all the fall art projects. We had a fun time eating the applesauce that we made while learning about Johnny Appleseed. The student learned about The Story of the Apple Star along with peeling, coring, and mashing the apples to make the homemade applesauce. In Math the first graders have been adding and subtracting all the way to 12 and they have started subtraction along with fact families. They all are doing great with Rocket Math and love doing it!! In Religion class the students are learning about some different Bible stories. We took a field trip to Poppy's Pumpkin Patch and they enjoyed all of it. We left right before the rain started! I hope everyone enjoys the fall weather and all the Ghosts and Goblins have a safe and fun Halloween.

Second Grade by Mrs. Steffen

Happy Autumn! This beautiful season arrived just in time, as we were learning about God's Goodness! In learning about prayer, we discovered that Praise is a joyful type of prayer. It's when we applaud God for His own sake. It's when we look around at all of God's creation and say, "God, You are Awesome!" Prayers of praise celebrate God's goodness. The 2nd graders thought it was neat to learn that we can praise God anywhere, anytime, and especially at Mass. We can praise God just by being what God created us to be! We can even praise God through our artwork! We enjoyed learning about the famous artist, Georgia O'Keeffe. She loved the outdoors and it showed in her beautiful paintings. The 2nd graders created their own Autumn artwork, inspired by the fall colors and themes Georgia O'Keeffe used in some of her artwork. The 2nd graders went on a hunt this past month.... A hunt for Expository Text, that is! We are learning and experiencing the joys of reading a variety of genres. The class participated in interactive, hands on activities to get them excited about learning the features of non-fiction text. We have also completed our first Personal Narrative, which I had the pleasure of sharing these with the parents at conference time. I'm so proud of these 2nd grade authors! As October is the month of the Rosary, we are also studying Mother Mary's Prayer... the Rosary. The 2nd graders are understanding about the love that Mary has for Jesus and for us. We also like how the mysteries of the Rosary are really the story of Jesus' life, as well as events that symbolize events in our own lives. We wish you all a Happy Autumn and may you take in the beauty of God's Goodness!

Third Grade by Ms. Loecker

Well, welcome back chilly weather! The change in the weather has not affected the third graders and !! We are still having fun days! In Reading we have been reading the genres of folktales, informative, and historical texts. Skills in reading we have been practicing and developing are predicting, picking out the theme, similes, antonyms, multi-meaning words, key details/main ideas, and asking and answering questions. In Math we are finishing up the chapter on subtraction and will be moving into multiplication! In Science we are learning about Isaac Newton's Three Laws of Motion and doing some experiments on that. In Social Studies we will be diving into our family trees! We are going to be learning about why people move to other communities, what ancestors are, and where they came from. In Religion we have finished talking about how prayer is an essential part to building a relationship with God much like talking to friends builds friendship. We will be moving on to the next chapter on Original Sin and how God shows us his mercy and forgiveness. "No one is strong in his own strength, but he is safe by the grace and mercy of God." Bring on the second quarter!

Fourth Grade by Ms. Leader

Happy Autumn! The fourth graders have just finished up two weeks of Terra Nova testing! In grammar, we have been focusing on common and proper nouns and the correct spellings of plural nouns. We enjoyed a reading unit on plays in our reading books. I think we have some future actors in our classroom! We have been learning the ten rules of syllable division in our VoWac series. Since it is October, we have also been studying the rosary and made our own rosaries with our fifth grade buddies. We have been working on addition and subtraction strategies in math. Many of the fourth graders are eager to start on multiplication soon! We finished our first project in social studies. The fourth graders did a great job collecting research, creating posters, and presenting about the five different regions of the United States. In both social studies and science, we have been studying the many natural resources God has given us in Nebraska and around the world! We also got a visit from some of our local volunteer firefighters and EMTs to teach us more about rescues/fire safety! We appreciate all that they do to help our community!

Fifth Grade by Mrs. Melena

I cannot believe how quickly the 1st quarter of this school year went by! We have been busy learning and having a lot of fun! In September we took a field trip to Ponca State Park. The kids enjoyed the bow archery range, learning about how pioneers of Nebraska lived, and making animal track books with stamps! The weather was beautiful and it was a memorable day. Last week we took a Pilgrimage to Trinity Heights in Sioux City. What an amazing place! The kids thought it was special to pray the Rosary in front of the 30' statue of Mary. They also enjoyed going on a "Holy Hunt" (Holy Scavenger Hunt) and seeing a life-size wood carving of the Last Supper! Many prayers were said that day for family, friends, and the world. We have been learning about sacramentals in Religion class, so the kids loved to see so many beautiful sacramentals in the gift shop at Trinity Heights. This month in math we have been brushing up on our multiplication facts, and we have been learning how to multiply larger numbers. In Reading we made a life-size timeline to practice ordering the events in a story, and we are working on recognizing problems and solutions. We are working on distinguishing types of nouns Grammar and learning how to use them in our writing, and in Science we learned all about animal adaptations. The kids chose an animal and made a poster that included all of its adaptations. They turned out great! We are excited to continue learning, and we hope you all have a blessed October!

Religion & History 6-8 News by Mrs. Schieffer

"There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens. A time to give birth, and a time to die... a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant..." (Ecclesiastes 3:1-2). It is time to close out the 1st quarter of the school year, looking back on all we have learned and accomplished so far this year! We were blessed to attend Mass celebrated by Archbishop Lucas on September 16 while he was in Crofton for the OACCW Convention. Students completed Terra Nova testing and parents and teachers conferenced about student progress. The students in the upper grades' building made this year's pilgrimage to Trinity Heights in Sioux City on October 4. What a beautiful, holy place! The 6th graders learned about the Exodus and the ten plagues of Egypt. They watched the scene of the parting of the Red Sea in the epic 1956 movie, "The Ten Commandments" and decided that special effects have come a long way since then! They are making an artistic mural to depict the ten plagues. In History, the 6th graders learned about Ancient Egypt and performed two short plays for the 5th graders about life in Egypt. The 7th graders learned about life in Palestine, Jesus' early life (the infancy narratives), Jesus' mission and how he was tempted by Satan, as well as the lives of the 12 apostles. Each student gave a presentation about an apostle. In History, the 7th graders studied colonial life. The 8th graders have begun their study of the four marks of the Church. Ask an 8th grader to tell you about the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. The 8th graders learned about the growth of industry, business entrepreneurs Rockefeller and Carnegie, urban life, and immigration in History class. During this month dedicated to the Holy Rosary, students in grades 6, 7, and 8 have been learning/reviewing all 20 mysteries of the Rosary for One Month Religion. Ask your child about them; maybe they will show you the actions that help them remember the mysteries. We pray for a safe harvest and God's blessings on all during this beautiful season of Autumn.

Math & Science 6-8 News by Mrs. Dather

We welcome the Fall weather. So very glad we missed the snow that was forecasted for us. We have done many days of testing, went on a pilgrimage to Sioux City and the 8th grade girls went to Yankton for Women in Science and we held Parent Teacher Conferences. A very busy month indeed. 6th grade science class is learning about Newton's three laws and in math have worked their way through decimals. 7th grade science class has been learning about cells and made a poster to show what they know. We are finishing up with DNA and an egg experiment. In math we are finishing up with metric conversions and are heading into mean, median and mode. 8th grade math class has a range of lessons with one group working on solving equations with variables on both sides and the other group solving equations using addition and subtraction. Both groups are moving right along. In science they are learning about the rock cycle and will be going into plate tectonics next. We had a small fish die off. The filter was very dirty and the water was too concentrated. Carter was able to take a water sample home and test it for us. We were able to fix the tank to make it more hospitable for the remaining two fish ☺ Thank you to the students and their families who have been sharing their garden bounty! Delicious fresh veggies for the win, win.

English & Reading 6-8 News by Mrs. Arens

The 8th grade class is currently reading *White Fang* by Jack London, and the 7th graders will soon be reading *Across Five Aprils* by Irene Hunt. In between the novels, each class is reading short literature stories. All of the 6-8 English classes are working on the 6-trait skills of ideas and organization through different short writing activities. Later in the year, these skills will be put toward longer pieces of writing. The 7th and 8th grade English classes will soon be studying direct and indirect objects and subject complements. Sixth graders are now learning how to make nouns singular and plural and how to punctuate business letter correctly. I am in search of some novels to use with my 7th and 8th grade students. The 7th graders will be reading *Brian's Winter*, so I am in need of 4 more of those, and the 8th graders are reading *The Red Badge of Courage*, so I will need 5 more of those. If any of you have extra copies that you would be willing to donate to our class, that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

