

HIGHLIGHTS

St. Anthony-St. Paul

Early Childhood Campus

December, 2021 Issue

Dear Families,

Could you believe it is December and we are preparing to celebrate Christmas?

We have completed our chapel just in time for the season of Advent. Father Roman will join us on Thursdays to celebrate mass in the chapel with the students. The second grade class were the first to attend mass in our new chapel. Kindergarten through second grade will attend mass on alternate weeks.

The value for the month of December is peace. Scripture tells us "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." (John 14:27).

Events:

Mystery Reader--We will have another mystery reader day on December 16th. If you would like to be a mystery reader in your child's classroom, please reach out to their teacher.

Christmas Concert--This year we will have a virtual Christmas show. The recording for this show will be on December 16th. The show will debut on December 20th via zoom.

Christmas raffle- Five winners will be chosen to win a Christmas basket. Raffle tickets are only \$1 each or six for \$5. Send your raffle form back by December 20th for a chance to win.

Dress Up Day--December 16th will be an ugly sweater dress up day to film for our concert.

We are entering the winter months and that sometimes brings inclement weather. If you have recently changed your email or phone number, please make sure to let the office know so that we may update our IRIS alert system.

Blessings to all!

Important Dates:

December 2nd Parent Workshop @ 6pm via Zoom

December 3rd Half Day (K-2nd) @ 11am

December 8th Feast of the Immaculate Conception

December 12th Feast day of La Virgen de Guadalupe

December 10th Progress report go home

December 16th Mystery Reader Day
-gly Sweater Dress Up Day & Concert Filming

December 20th Debut of Virtual Christmas Concert @ 6:30pm
-Christmas Basket Raffle

December 23rd – Jan. 3rd Christmas Recess

January 7th Half Day (K-2nd) 11am

January 10th -NWEA Winter MAP Assessments begin

REMINDERS

- Please pay your tuition on time to avoid late fees. Tuition is due by the 20th of every month.
- Make sure you are signed into SeeSaw for your child.
- Please back into the parking spots during drop off and pick up.

COVID Protocol Reminder— Remember if your child exhibits any symptoms below related to Covid including but not limited to runny nose and coughing we must have a doctor's note stating these symptoms are not related to the Covid virus. **Please do not send your child to school if they have any of these symptoms.** They will be sent home until we have the doctor's note.

- Fever or chills
- Runny nose/Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Catholic Identity

Classroom Chatter

An Advent Prayer

God of Love,
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.
He is a sign of your love.
Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,
As we wait and prepare for his coming.

We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior.

Amen.

Pre-Kindergarten

Blue room-UPK blue is learning about how buildings are made. We are reading many different versions of *The Three Little Pigs* and exploring straw, sticks and bricks. We are turning our classroom door into a gingerbread house.

Green room-We are excited for our next unit of study on buildings. We have explored mixing colors and discovered which two colors come together to make another color. Did you know yellow and blue make green?

Purple room-The purple room has spent the month of November learning all about trees! We have learned about the colors of leaves on trees, read stories about trees, and worked on tree patterns. Our class is also working on exploring our 5 senses. We went on a listening nature walk to hear sounds on our playground and voted as a class on our favorite taste! Ice cream won the favorite taste in our class! We are looking forward to starting our unit of Buildings in the month of December. We have so much fun ahead of us constructing buildings, learning about different buildings in our community, and studying *The Three Little Pigs*.

Red room- We were so excited to have a guest speaker talk to the children about trees. We learned about what keeps trees healthy, what trees need for nourishment and to survive, tools used when working with trees, and insects which can affect the well-being of trees. It was a wonderful opportunity for the students to have a chance to ask and have all their questions answered about trees.

Yellow room-Our class has transitioned from "Trees" to "Buildings" and are looking forward to learning and constructing buildings and houses. We hope that you enjoyed our class books on trees!

Kindergarten is progressing nicely as we learn how to count, read, and write numbers. We are also learning about fiction and nonfiction books. We have started working in centers and learning how to take turns and listen carefully to one another. We are excited to sing our songs for the Christmas concert!

First grade- The Advent season has started and we are preparing for the birth of Jesus. Each day we look forward to our Advent action of the day. We are continuing to use all the strategies we have learned to solve our addition and subtraction problems. In ELA we continue to learn new sight words and read stories of different genres.

Second grade is studying ocean animals and writing about them. We are perfecting working in our centers and learning to be responsible for our own work. We are super excited about the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and Christmas.

Spotlight on Staff

Our pre-kindergarten teachers had the opportunity to showcase the amazing work they do each day to the director of the office of early learning for the New York State Education department. Mr. Breslin enjoyed his visit with our teachers and students. Each day the teachers make learning fun for the students by having interactive projects for them to do at each center. They teach the students a love for learning, responsibility, and how to be a good friend. Thank you for the fabulous work you do each day with our students.



Purple room's
Advent Calendar



K-2 participating in a
Bus Drill



Thank you all for your donations



Mystery Reader



Morning Circle



Students During Mass



Guest Speaker Sharing his
Knowledge on Caring for Trees