

It was a **MAGICAL** week...

Saint Mary School
Kindergarten Weekly Newsletter
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Dear Parents,

Kindergarten had a wonderful week. We began our week learning about Chinese New Year and Penguins. The children were so excited to make their Dragon Masks and Chinese Lanterns. We hope that they went home and shared all that they learned about Chinese New Year. The children also learned several interesting facts about penguins and that there are several different types of penguins. We were all entertained by the comical antics of Tacky the penguin in several stories. We also had our second annual Color Challenge. Our class was filled with basketballs, orange streamers, and orange flowers. We even had a photo of Seana's orange car and Kevin's dog, Charlie, wearing an orange coat. Our class won the most class spirit award!

On Thursday, we learned about Groundhog Day. Our class voted and we believe that Punxsutawney Phil will see his shadow. We finished our week celebrating our students. Students participated in games and crafts in the morning and ended the day watching a movie. We hope that every child left school on Friday knowing how much we love and appreciate them. We also wanted to thank all of you for a wonderful Teacher's Appreciation Luncheon. We enjoyed having a longer lunch and the food was delicious. A special thanks to Mrs. Carlson and Mr. Dattilo for helping in the classroom so that we could attend the luncheon.

Here are a few highlights from our week:

- Listen to Chinese New Year and view Sam and the Lucky Money
- Sequence pieces of a dragon that would be used in the Dragon Dance
- Write a sentence about the Dragon Dance (we are working on starting each sentence with a capital, using finger spacing between words and punctuation at the end)
- Identify amounts of items used during a Chinese New Year celebration
- Create a Dragon Mask and Chinese Lantern
- Practice addition using fish to feed the hungry penguin
- Listen to Tacky the Penguin, Three Cheers for Tacky, The Emperor's Kingdom and Where is Home Little Pip?
- Practice formation of lowercase letters in sequence
- STEM- Create a shelter for a penguin that got lost
- Label the parts of a penguin
- Listen to Groundhog Day
- Survey peers
- Label parts of a groundhog
- Predict if Punxsutawney Phil will see his shadow
- Make a groundhog booklet



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Mouseketeer of the Week:

Gianni was our "Mouseketeer of the Week". He brought in a Spiderman Lego Set, a Spiderman Mask, a hockey puck, a Superhero Lego Set and his robots. His favorite part of being Mouseketeer of the week was sharing his items with the class and being the line leader.

Looking Ahead:

February 11th- Valentine's Due (Please see pink notice sent out on Thursday, January 30th.)

February 14th - 100th Day of School (Please bring in your 100 items by February 13th.)

February 14th- Valentine's Day

February 17th-February 21st- School Vacation

February 24th- We will celebrate the 100th Day of School today!

