

The Kindergarten Family Mailer



January 5th-8th, 2021 Happy New Year!

By Mrs. Chien, Mrs. McWhorter and Mrs. Cleveland

Happy New Year!

We are happy to see everyone back safe and sound from their Christmas break. During the month of January we learn about Martin Luther King, Jr. In addition, we will also do many themed winter activities as-well-as talk about why our catholic school is so special!! It looks to be a fun-filled month!!

This Week, Kindergarten...

Phonics

LESSONS: 57-60

Bb as in balloon, wordlist #8, writing/ recognizing letters/sounds, review letters/sounds, reading: bib, bat, bag, from, his, its, is, as, him, in, it, to, bag, milk, trip, fast, big, of the not, fan, frog, ran, rat, counting words in a sentence, THE BIG TRIP, matching letters, author, illustrator, compound words, initial, medial, and final sounds, assessment #13

Sight Word Songs for sight word review:

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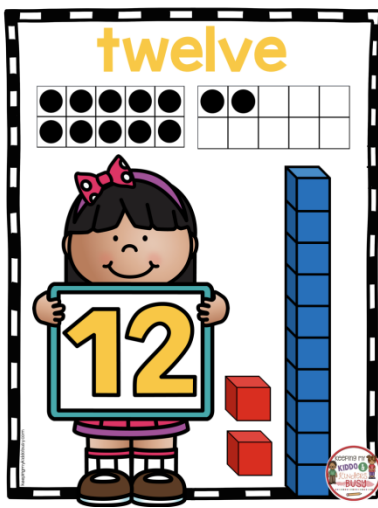
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Math

Wrapped-up chapter 4 and began chapter 5.



Chapter 5 further builds a child’s number sense. Through activities that develop number relationships, counting skills, comparing and ordering and estimation, children build on previous work to include numbers through 31. It also serves as an introduction to place value, a concept that is constructed gradually through seeing two-digit numbers as tens and extras.

Social Studies

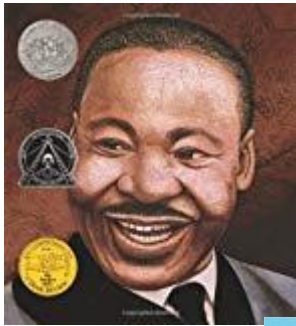
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The life and teachings of Martin Luther King, Jr. can be understood and honored even by young children. Martin Luther King, Jr. taught people to solve problems nonviolently. He promoted love and brotherhood.

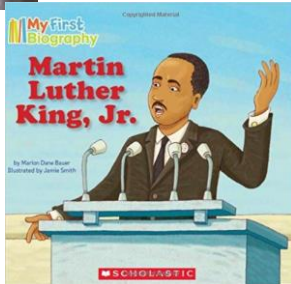
Books:

1. My Brother Martin by Christine King Farris

This is one of my favorite books, period. Looking at Dr. King as a child allows young children to relate to him and his message even more.

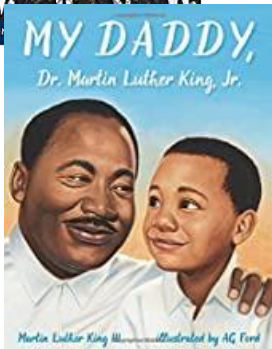
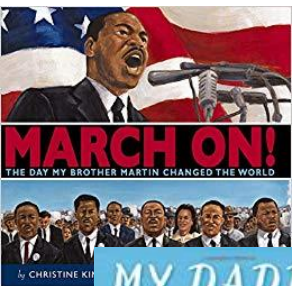


2. My This



First Biography of Martin Luther King, Jr. by Marion Dane Bauer book was a good introduction to Dr. King and his life's work, and also provided great context about the times he lived in.

3. March On! The Day My Brother Martin Changed the World by Christine King Farris
- This book looks at how Dr. King prepared for his famous speech and the March on Washington.



4. My Daddy, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by Martin Luther King, III

This book has a wonderful perspective of Dr. King for young kids, through the eyes of his son. Children can relate to his story — both the triumphs and the tragedies — through the experiences of his children.

Spanish with Señora Seay

Numbers 1-5 and weather seasons.

Seasons: el invierno — winter. la primavera — spring. el verano — summer (Another word for summer, el estío, has mostly literary use.) el otoño — autumn or fall. The song that Señora Seay uses to teach is by, [BASHO & FRIENDS](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U7W5oKx6g2I&vl=en>



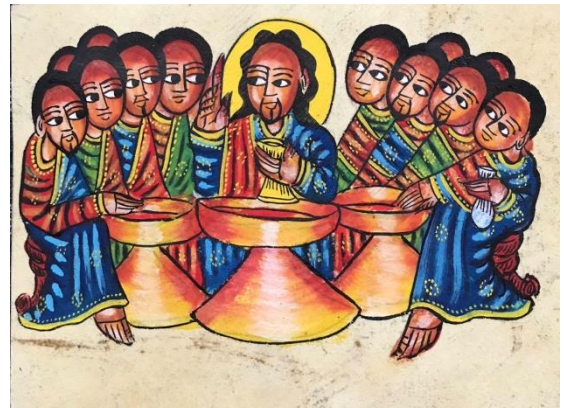
Señora Seay told the children about the Spanish cultural holiday tradition that follows the Biblical tale closely, as children flutteringly wait for the Three Wise Men, Melchior, Caspar, and Balthazar—who brought gifts to baby Jesus himself—to sweep through their windows with magical presents and candy.

Some holiday traditions in Spain may seem familiar to Americans, but with slight cultural twists. Instead of hanging stockings over the fireplace, children leave freshly-polished shoes out to collect candies. More naughty children might be startled to find pieces of coal nestled in the soles. But the sweet surprise is made of sugar. Kids also write letters to the Three Wise Men, and leave walnuts, bread, and even Cognac out for the visiting Kings.

The holiday traditions span all the way until Epiphany, the climactic celebration of the revelation of Jesus as the Son of God, on January 6th. On this, El Día de los Reyes (Day of Kings, or Three Kings Day), families memorialize the day the Three Kings found baby Jesus and bestowed their fine gifts.



- **Religion:** Let's Celebrate! God Gave Us Jesus

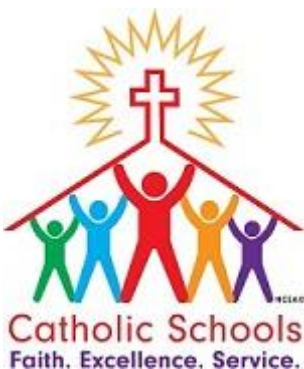


“On the twelfth day of Christmas...” January 6, we discussed the feast of the Epiphany! This special day celebrates the coming of the Magi – the three wise men (or kings), from the East who followed a star and came and adore Jesus.

The definition of the word “epiphany” is a divine or supernatural manifestation – just as the wise men discovered Jesus.

Special Notes from Mrs. Chien

What is National Catholic Schools Week?



National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2021 is January 31 – February 6.

The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week is “Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.” Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value of Catholic education through the teachings’ of Jesus Christ which provide young people and its contributions to our church, communities and our nation.

Special Projects:

Gingerbread Men Sightings



We have been receiving many postcards from around the world. Please continue to help us track the Gingerbread Men by contacting friends and family to report all sightings to:

Attn: Mrs. Chien’s Kindergarten Class
St. Francis of Assisi School
18825 Fuller Heights Rd.
Triangle, VA 22172



We are fast approaching the 100th day of school- an event we have talked about since the first day of school. As a class, we have decided to collect 100 non-perishable food items to donate to Francis House’s food pantry. On the 100th day we will count all the items to see if we have reached our goal. Last year we collected enough items to feed over 175 families; can we do it, again?! If you would like to drop off items that will not fit in a backpack, please feel free to leave them with our wonderful office staff in the red box.

Quote of the Week:



Chuckles and Heart-Warmers

Observing the kids while they were drawing, I asked to one little girl, who was working diligently, what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." I paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

I love teaching kinder because we get to live life vicariously through the eyes of little kids. Such a lovely perspective! :)



Wish List:

None at this time 😊

General Information

	My Name: _____

	Our Address: _____

	Phone Number: _____

	In an emergency I dial
	911
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Shoe Sheriffs-Wrangling and Roping

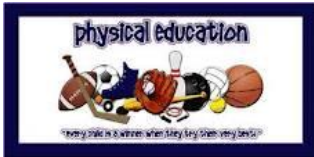
Shoes All Over Class! Shoe tying!!! If your child is not part of the Pete the Cat Shoe Tying Club, then shoe tying must become a priority! This is a Kindergarten skill.

✓ To help keep children safe, **they must know their address and phone number.** If they are lost or in trouble when away from home, they should have their phone number and address memorized so they can tell a safe grown-up how to reach their family. In this activity, children use a variety of motor, literacy, and communication skills as they sing songs, recite rhymes, and practice dialing, in order to memorize their phone numbers and addresses.

✓ Children **MUST** have a change of clothes in their child's backpack at ALL times. Please include: undies, socks, pants/jumper or skort. Please put clothes in a Ziploc bag labeled with your child's name.

✓ Please make sure to pack a **water bottle**, DAILY.





- ✓ PE is held on **Mondays** and **Thursdays**. PE uniforms must include a crew or folded sock. Golf socks (ankle socks) are not permitted. Please help your children to adhere to the school uniform policy.

Pennies for Peru



The St. Francis School “*Pennies for Peru*” program was established in September 2007. This is an on-going monetary collection to aid the members of our Sister Parish in Peru. Thank you for supporting this very worthy cause.

St. Francis collects Box Tops and My Coke Rewards

