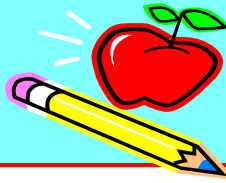


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Kindergarten News

Turkey Eggs

The kindergarteners have been keeping a diary of their experience as they take care of twelve turkey eggs. Mr. Keesler helped us place the eggs in the incubator on April 29th. They patiently waited and watched for twenty-eight days. Wednesday, May 26, the students gathered around the incubator as one egg developed a hole and another egg gently rocked back and forth. At 1:00 the first turkey pushed its way out of the egg and into the world. The children were very excited as they became “parents” and invited the rest of the school to come and see the new baby. Later the second egg hatched. The children were amazed at the growth of the chicks over the Memorial Day weekend.

Field Trip

Students had a great time as they continued to learn about their Catholic Identity as they toured the St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Green Bay. They got an up-close look at sanctuary including the “cathedra” or bishop’s chair. Climbing to the choir loft the students sat in the choir seats and got a bird’s-eye view of the church. Later the children explored some of the artifacts from around the diocese in the museum. Did you know? A saint carrying a palm branch is an indication that person died as a martyr.

The children toured Lambeau Field in the afternoon. They sat in a skybox, took an elevator ride to the basement of the stadium and got a chance to walk out on the field through the tunnel as if they were part of the Green Bay Packers.

Congratulations!

The students have worked very hard throughout the last nine months. They deserve a big pat on the back for all their effort. We are very proud of them and all their accomplishments. Thank you for all the help and support you have given us throughout the year.

May you all have lots of fun this summer and stay safe. We will be eager to see you again in the Fall.

Off to First Grade

We are all excited for summer to officially begin. Even though we are taking a break from school over the next three months, any practice you can do with your child can help him/her prepare for first grade. Continue having your child read to you and of course read to them. Local libraries can have quite a supply of “easy” readers for children to practice with. Also, any practice writing can help your child keep up his skills. Have your child write a story for you or make a book of what he/she has done this summer. Even something simple like having your child make a list of what you need at the grocery store can keep them practicing sounding out words. Another fun idea is writing a letter to someone. Students may even get a letter back, which would be fun. Keeping it fun and simple will make it not seem like “work” for them.

Highlights

God's Gifts

As we continue to learn about our Catholic Identity we focused on our "mission" as Catholics. Our mission is to spread the Good News of Jesus to everyone we meet. St. Francis of Assisi is our inspiration when he said: Preach the gospel at all time, if necessary use words. Kindergarten students listened to *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* In the story each person has a bucket. When we are kind to another person, we fill their bucket with good feelings. Hurting a person with our words or actions is called being a "bucket dipper" and empties their bucket. The amazing thing is either way, what we do to others affects their bucket as well as our own. You cannot fill your bucket by dipping into someone else's bucket. To fill your own bucket you need to add to someone else's bucket.

Mad Math

What is the opposite of addition? Subtraction! Students worked on the process of subtraction by using teddy bear counters to find the difference of various problems. In the computer lab children practiced subtracting by using Electric Chalkboard. When they solved a problem, a piece of a puzzle was revealed until the whole picture was exposed.

Practice problem solving is also vital. Is this a situation where we need to add or subtract? The children were asked to determine which number sentence matched the illustration.

The last units have been on numbers 12-31. As part of these lessons the children have been introduced to place value. Which number is in the one's place? Which is in the ten's? They also looked for the mixing number in a pattern.

Sizzling Science

We began to study the Earth to correlate with the celebration of Earth Day in April. The students learned about water and the importance of water. Students learned the water cycle and did an experiment with evaporation. Students also discovered ways that they could filter water to make it clean. Landforms were discussed and the students were excited to make a volcano and help it "erupt". Students also learned ways to help take care of our planet. Students sorted through a bag of "garbage" and found what items could be recycled. We learned how to find the code on the bottom of plastic containers to see if they can be recycled. To end the unit, students made bugs out of egg cartons and plastic bags.

Super Social Studies

Earlier in the year the students learned about service workers and those that make goods. Recently, Officer Boehlen, Carly's dad, joined us with his squad car to share what he does as a service to our community. He shared the tools he uses, handcuffs, baton, taser, radio, gun and pepper spray. Each child had the opportunity to test out his bullet proof vest by hitting his chest to see how it protects him.

Then it was on to exploring his squad car. Officer Boehlen explained the use of the radar gun and computer complete with printer in between two front seats. The children had a blast checking out the back seat and sitting in the driver's seat.