



St. Francis de Sales School Times

Here are just a few things that happened...in April



In Pre-K...we

- ✦ celebrated Easter with stories and songs about Jesus from SEEDS, our weekly gospel magazine.
- ✦ walked to the Basloe Library for story hour.
- ✦ had lessons about Earth Day and Arbor Day. We learned how to reduce, reuse, and recycle and why we need to plant trees for our Earth.

In Kindergarten...we

- ✦ are working hard on spelling 100 words found in 1,000 pre-primer first readers.
- ✦ are printing our names, addresses and phone numbers.
- ✦ are studying geometry and fractions.
- ✦ are discovering that the Bible is God's special storybook.
- ✦ counted and printed numbers 1 to 100. Great Job Class!

In First Grade...we

- ✦ learned to count groups of coins.
- ✦ wrote friendly letters to a friend or family member.
- ✦ learned about Baptism & shared items from our Baptisms.
- ✦ completed a health unit about grooming, good posture, fitness, and dental health.
- ✦ learned about important people and events in our country's history.

In Second Grade...we

- ✦ completed a unit on rainforests. Each child researched one rainforest animal– related facts & supplied a picture.
- ✦ enjoyed a Rainforest Food Fest – dressed in safari hats, displayed products of the rainforest and tasted many of the foods.
- ✦ celebrated our 1st Communion on April 10th.
- ✦ learned about fractions and geometrical shapes in math.

In Third Grade...we

- ✦ worked on our monthly book report – nonfiction, presented facts and pictures on posterboard.
- ✦ began growing our cabbages for a national cabbage growing contest to be held in September.
- ✦ sat outside silently and listened to the sounds of God's birds, the breeze, etc. We wrote down what we heard and saw and shared with each other.

In Fourth Grade...we

- ✦ are reading a book called Island of the Blue Dolphins.
- ✦ are working in groups to make a vertebrate poster.
- ✦ played "Wheel of Fortune" to introduce new religion vocabulary.
- ✦ have become experts on fractions and decimals.
- ✦ are making final plans for our annual Village Fair.
- ✦ learned about fables and will begin writing our own.

In Fifth Grade...we

- ✦ read Eyes of the Amaryllis and took part in book circle discussions.
- ✦ read Call it Courage and wrote plot summaries.
- ✦ learned about idioms and idiomatic expressions.
- ✦ enjoyed discussions about the Sacraments of Initiation, Healing, and Commitment.
- ✦ have learned how to solve equations.
- ✦ are preparing to present individual science experiments.
- ✦ are making final plans for our annual State Fair.

In Sixth Grade...we

- ✦ worked on graphing ordered pairs in four quadrants.
- ✦ are making final plans for our annual Country Fair.
- ✦ celebrated our DARE graduation on April 12th.
- ✦ are preparing to present our individual science experiments very soon.
- ✦ are involved in an "Oceans" theme unit in literature and studied a series of paintings entitled "The Sea in Art". We are also reading about the make-up of oceans, ocean creatures, and scientific articles on oil spills in oceans.

Coach's Corner



This month, the students enjoyed the familiar games of baseball, softball, and tee ball. We played many versions of baseball - from Indian baseball to monsterball to racquetball - as well the traditional versions of baseball and softball. Sixth grade also played a new game called Speedball. This game is a cross between soccer and basketball. The students all had a lot of fun showing their skills as they played these games.

Notes from the Music Room



Students in grades 2-6 practiced Mass hymns & reviewed the "secret code" of music – including note names, time values and meter. They played note recognition games & participated in conducting 2/4 and 3/4 meter. Celebrating the beginning of the growing season, pre-k, kindergarten, and 1st graders acted out "Bunny Go Away" & "The Seed". After learning about composers & conductors, individuals were given the opportunity to perform for the class.


Technology Class

Kindergarten - 3rd grade are learning about the components and peripherals of computers.
4th/5th/6th grade are learning purpose and functions of spreadsheet software.



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May Upcoming Events/Schoolwide Information – Mark Your Calendars!

- ✦ We honor Mary, our Blessed Mother, throughout the month of May.
- ✦ Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade will go to the Stanley Theatre for Suessical on May 4th. 
- ✦ Pre-k 4s will take a walking field trip to the Basloe Library for story hour on May 7th and May 14th.
- ✦ New York State math tests for 3rd – 6th grade will be given on May 5th, 6th and 7th.
- ✦ Mother Goose Olympics for pre-k and kindergarten will be held on May 14th at 6:00 PM.
- ✦ We celebrate Ascension Thursday on May 13th with a school mass at 9:15 AM. Students in kindergarten - 6th grade will attend. Grade 3 will be doing the readings.
- ✦ Our Village, State, and Country Fair will be May 18th at 6:30 PM in the church hall. Details below.
- ✦ 6th grade graduation trip to Niagara Falls will be on May 21st.
- ✦ 6th grade will attend Conservation Day at the Diamond Mine Campgrounds on May 26th.

4th, 5th, and 6th graders present

Our Annual

Village, State, and Country Fair



When: Tuesday, May 18th at 6:30 PM

Where: Church Hall

What: Students in grades 4, 5, and 6 have been researching different villages/towns, states, and countries over the last several weeks. Come see their exhibits which showcase their research with interesting facts, customs, and pictures.

All are welcome!

Attention!

Friends and Alumni

You are cordially invited to our

Spring Dreams Auction



On Saturday, June 5th, 2010, we are hosting our annual Spring Dreams Auction. You are invited to join us for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, reconnect with old friends, and to show your support for our school. There are only 200 tickets, so when the event is full, we will have to close the doors. Respond now and reserve your seat! For advance tickets, please send check or money order for \$10 per person to the St. Francis PSA at the address below:

St. Francis de Sales Regional Catholic School
220 Henry Street
Herkimer, NY 13350

We are still soliciting auction items/donations. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, or donating to this event, please contact Lisa Elwood at lelwood7@yahoo.com or call the school office at 866-4831. Thank you!



Thank You

Thank you to our first and third grade school parents, and all of our classroom teachers for all of the time and effort they put forth setting up and serving refreshments at the reception for First Holy Communion on April 10th. We would also like to thank Mrs. Kline, Sr. Jackie and our students in grades 3-6 who sang so beautifully during the mass. A special thank you to Mrs. Astafan, our 2nd grade teacher, for preparing our children on a daily basis to receive this sacrament. Thank you all for everything you did to make the day a memorable one for our children.

Monthly Raffle Winner



Congratulations to our
April monthly raffle winner!
Patrick Russell