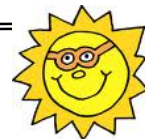




St. Francis de Sales School Times




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

In Pre-K...we


- ✦ had a special crossing over the bridge ceremony to the next class for pre-k 2s and pre-k 3s.
- ✦ finished practicing our phone numbers, addresses and tying our shoes. Kindergarten here we come!
- ✦ graduated on June 21st. We celebrated with our families with a beautiful ceremony in the gymnasium.




In Kindergarten...we

- ✦ counted by 2s, 5s, and 10s.
 - ✦ reviewed our Bible Stories.
 - ✦ looked back at our accomplishments during the past year and prepared for a new beginning into 1st grade.
 - ✦ celebrated all of our summer birthdays.
- What a great school year we had together! 


In First Grade...we

- ✦ learned the Holy Spirit gives us peace, joy, love, & strength.
- ✦ enjoyed reading fiction /nonfiction books about fish and other sea creatures.
- ✦ read A House for Hermit Crab and created a shell home using paper, crayons, glitter, feathers, and jewels. 
- ✦ compared housing, clothes, and foods from different parts of the world to learn how people are alike and different.


In Second Grade...we

- ✦ celebrated "Dairy Month" by learning about cows, dairy farms and ice cream. We made our own butter and spread it on crackers to share. 
- ✦ learned about Australia: animal/plant life and map skills.
- ✦ visited the Herkimer Basloe Library.
- ✦ went to the Van Hornesville Fish Hatchery and learned about rainbow trout.


In Third Grade...we

- ✦ went on a field trip to the Van Hornesville Fish Hatchery as a culmination activity to raising rainbow trout in the classroom. We toured the hatchery and released 200 yearlings into the Mill Pond. 
- ✦ took a trip to the Herkimer Basloe Library.
- ✦ wrote our own stories to go along with a picture book, Karen's Island or Maui Hooks Hawaii.


In Fourth Grade...we

- ✦ read Skylark, by Patricia MacLachlan. 
- ✦ recited and recorded our favorite poems.
- ✦ drew a picture of our house to go along with a story we read – Elliott's House.
- ✦ became American pioneers for a day – dressed, ate, and played as pioneer children did.
- ✦ wrote poems entitled, "My Family Is"

In Fifth Grade...we

- ✦ read The River, by Gary Paulsen - the sequel to Hatchet.
- ✦ completed our final One-A-Day vocabulary test with flying colors! 
- ✦ finished a series of three personal essays – what variety!
- ✦ painted stones as a final art project.
- ✦ viewed and discussed the video of "Bridge to Terabithia", after reading the book.
- ✦ attended Farm/Home Safety Day at the fairgrounds.

In Sixth Grade...we

- ✦ finished a series of personal essays (as few as 4; as many as 15 per student!)
- ✦ viewed and discussed "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" and "Rip Van Winkle", and drew scenes from Rip's life.
- ✦ practiced dividing with decimals.
- ✦ viewed and discussed "The Summer of My German Soldier".
- ✦ GRADUATED! 

Coach's Corner

This last month of school, different classes were able to choose their favorite games to play. Kindergarten and First Grade played "Tom and Jerry" with the parachute. Older grades played volleyball. Our gym classes ended with a schoolwide Field Days, where the students competed in different relays and other activities. I hope everyone has a great and safe summer!

Notes from the Music Room

In June, our young musicians completed an exciting year of music exploration with conducting, composing, analyzing and auditioning! We sang every class period – funny songs, friendship songs, and always praise and thanksgiving songs to our gracious God who has given us this precious year.

K/1st finished a very basic introduction to presentation software and worked on our network logon and logoff skills using our own user ids and passwords.

2nd/3rd finished an introduction to word processing software where we learned about different font types, styles and some formatting tools.

4th/5th/6th finished an introduction to spreadsheet software where we learned to perform data calculations and graphing.

Technology



Principal's Message

As we close the school year, I would like to express gratitude to those who helped make 2009-2010 another successful school year. Thank you to the many families who offered their time and talents throughout the year. Thank you to our students and their families who continue to demonstrate what it means to be a school community.



Auction Update:



Once again our annual Spring Dreams auction was a success...thanks to the support of so many people! It was an entertaining night that raised \$12,000 for our school! Thank you to all those who sponsored the event, donated their time and/or items, spread the word, and were in attendance to support the school. Each of you played an important part in the success of this event.



Remember to save throughout the summer:

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- © Pop tabs



Also, don't forget to **Good Search** and **GoodShop** every time you search or shop the internet...easy money for the school... no extra cost to you!



Congratulations Graduates

Congratulations to our sixth grade students who graduated on June 18th. We are very proud of all you have contributed to our school and community throughout the years. Thank you for being such caring and dedicated mentors to our kindergarten class. You are outstanding friends and helpers.

Class of 2010

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| Nicholas Boehm | Christine Kudrewicz |
| Jacob Bray | Mercedes Lewandrowski |
| Nolan Brouillette | Kyle Lynch |
| Robert Brown | Jesse McCandlish |
| Mary Caroline Bruins | Monica Mora |
| Amelia Butler | Alexis Oldfield |
| Nicole Caliguire | Michael Pasciuto |
| William Corbett | Austin Perry |
| Ronald Decker | Eric Slifka |
| Preston Horender | Joseph Vincent |
| Anastasia Jalowiec | Zachary Waldron |
| Adam Kirkpatrick | Adiba Ward |

Monthly Raffle Winner



Congratulations to our June monthly raffle winner!

Bill Vincent