



St. Francis de Sales School Times

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



In Pre-K...we

- ✦ took a trip to Collins Knoll Farm in Chadwicks.
- ✦ planted seeds that sprouted for Mother's Day.
- ✦ had beautiful weather for Bubble Day in the park. The air was filled with bubbles of all sizes!
- ✦ had fun with camping days – singing around a “campfire”, eating s'mores and resting in sleeping bags.

In Kindergarten...we

- ✦ created a live butterfly garden & now have 5 butterflies.
- ✦ started readiness for addition and subtraction.
- ✦ are printing sentences.
- ✦ received rosary beads & are learning to pray the Rosary.
- ✦ began identifying number words/word families, soaring sounds onsets/opposites and phonics letter-sound match.

In First Grade...we

- ✦ learned about inventors and inventions in social studies.
- ✦ raised Painted Lady butterflies from caterpillars.
- ✦ practiced using describing words to improve our writing.
- ✦ learned about measuring length, capacity, weight, and temperature using standard and metric units.
- ✦ started a science unit about the pond.
- ✦ completed a health unit about drugs, alcohol, & tobacco.

In Second Grade...we

- ✦ celebrated Cinco de Mayo with activities and snacks.
- ✦ are learning about plants – planted nasturtium flowers and are watching them grow.
- ✦ are learning about Native Americans – wrote legends, did drawings, decorated pots and listened to stories.
- ✦ painted with bubble wrap to create unique, colorful designs.

In Third Grade...we

- ✦ are hatching Cornish Cross Broiler chick eggs. They are due to hatch June 2nd.
- ✦ have been involved in an interactive experience with South Jefferson school for our chicken hatching project.
- ✦ learned about Charles Lindbergh and Amelia Earhart and wrote a story – “If I Could Fly a Plane”.
- ✦ wrote Indian Legends with second graders.

In Fourth Grade...we

- ✦ wrote prayers of gratitude and Haiku poems about respect in religion class.
- ✦ are reading “Farmer Boy” by Laura Ingalls Wilder.
- ✦ used our balance scale to weigh a variety of materials.
- ✦ used our feet patterns to make butterflies and our hand patterns to make ladybugs in art.
- ✦ are getting ready for Pioneer Day.

In Fifth Grade...we

- ✦ worked on powerpoint presentations of our State Reports.
- ✦ wrote a series of reports in order to fine-tune our organizational skills in the writing process.
- ✦ made posters advertising settlers “To Go West Young Man..”
- ✦ read Bridge to Teribithia and discussed the impact of one person's life upon another.
- ✦ made beaded & wooden bracelets for 1st, 2nd & 3rd graders.
- ✦ had discussions about the sacraments of commitment.

In Sixth Grade...we

- ✦ practiced “mirror writing” like Leonardo da Vinci.
- ✦ are experiencing life in a Middle Age monastery via “Virtual Monastery”.
- ✦ made Conservation Day posters.
- ✦ read Touching Spirit Bear and discussed the impact of bullying. Then we reflected upon the consequences of one's behavior.
- ✦ are in the process of writing reflective personal essays.

Coach's Corner

This past month we played many different types of dodgeball and strategy games. In one type of dodgeball game, students had the option to hit pins or the other team in order to win. The main strategy game we played was “goldrush”. This is a game where students have to try to steal the other teams “gold”, which is on the other side of the gym, without getting tagged. Hopefully, we will be playing volleyball in the coming weeks.

Notes from the Music Room

There was an outbreak of music measles in pre-k when students played scales, rhythms, & improvised story songs of their own. K/1st listened to & discussed their interpretations of a variety of instrumental pieces then learned about the four instrument families that performed the selections. To enhance their music basics, 2nd/3rd played simple tunes on keyboard, step bells, boomwackers, keyboard & recorders. 4th, 5th & 6th musicians are earning their “belts” in recorder karate. They practice music of increasing difficulty and have a colored belt tied to their recorder when it is well played at audition.

K/1st grade are using various programs to support classroom learning and enhance ELA skills.
2nd/3rd grade are learning word processing basics.
4th/5th/6th grade are learning how to use spreadsheet software.

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June Upcoming Events/Schoolwide Information – Mark Your Calendars!

- ✦ Students will be measured for new uniforms and orders placed for those that need them on June 4th.
- ✦ Our Spring Dreams Auction will be on June 5th at Holland Heights. Preview at 6:00 - Auction at 7:00.
- ✦ Grades 2-4 will be going on a field trip to the Fish Hatchery on June 7th.
- ✦ Grade 5 will go to the Frankfort fairgrounds for Annual Farm Home Safety Day on June 8th.
- ✦ Kindergarten Orientation will be on June 11th from 1:00 – 2:30 for our incoming kindergarten class.
- ✦ Neil Bruins will do a bike safety assembly on June 14th for pre-k 4s to 6th grade.
- ✦ 6th grade Graduation will be on June 18th at 7:00 in the church.
- ✦ Pre-k Graduation for pre-k 4s will be on June 21st at 6:30.
- ✦ Last day of school is June 22nd.

Spring Dreams Auction Reminder

Alumni and Friends

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.

Some of the items that have been donated this year are an Apple iPad, "Night at the Opera", Yankees tickets, a year of movie tickets for 4, an American Girl Doll, basketball camps, an iPod docking station, & a "Night on the Polar Express".

In addition, each class has been customizing/ decorating an item to donate. They are:

- Pre-k 2s – step stool
- Pre-k 3s – flower pot
- Pre-k 4s – storage unit for books, art, & more
- Kindergarten – decorative wheelbarrow
- First Grade – bookshelf
- Second Grade – ceramic salad bowl set
- Third Grade – quilt
- Fourth Grade – mosaic tile mirror
- Fifth Grade – garden bench
- Sixth Grade – hope chest

Flat Stanley's Adventures



An ongoing project that our 2nd grade students have been working on this year is discovering the world through the eyes of "Flat Stanley" – a take-off on the character Stanley Lambchop, a completely flat boy from the Flat Stanley series. Since September, our 2nd graders have been bringing their own Flat Stanley on various excursions and sharing their adventures together. A few months ago, each 2nd grade student mailed their Flat Stanley to a relative or friend so that they could learn about different areas of the world through his adventures. In the beginning of May, each Flat Stanley came back with interesting tales to tell in the form of pictures and notes that were then presented to the class and displayed for all to see. Flat Stanley saw some wonderful places this year including Maine, North Carolina, Seattle – Washington, Mississippi, Georgia, Virginia Beach, Myrtle Beach, Oregon, Naples - Florida, Maryland, Wisconsin, Walt Disney World, the Bronx Zoo, New York City, and Italy!

Please continue to collect pop tabs from cans. We will be sending them to the Ronald McDonald House in Syracuse in June.

Also remember to save and send in:

- © Empty Ink Cartridges
- © Box Tops for Education
- © Campbell's Soup Labels

Monthly Raffle Winner



Congratulations to our
May monthly raffle winner!
Maureen Regan