

KB's Weekly News

Monday, February 13th

Last Week's News

We had such a fun filled week last week! It began on Monday with a very special visitor...the Tooth Fairy! We had no idea she was coming (and she had just been to some of our houses over the weekend!!). She taught us all about how to brush, what foods to eat to keep our teeth healthy, and showed us the special tools that dentists use. She is the one who gave us all of the special things (t-shirt, toothbrush, stickers, etc) that came home on Monday! Unfortunately, our Tuesday visitors-Kids on the Block-had to reschedule due to several of their performers being ill. We would much rather see them another time than to have them come in sick! We did get to see all of our visitors on Friday. First Mrs. Finally was here to introduce us to junior achievement. She read us a story and had an art project for us so that we could get to know one another. We were thrilled that we had magnets to take home! Then Mr. and Mrs. Calisi came in after recess and brought the valentine boxes that we were able to decorate however we wished. Everyone (boys and girls!) had so much fun choosing how to decorate their boxes, and they were so creative! We had a table of friends who took a heart doily and turned it into a face by adding eyes and feathers for hair. I hope you were able to give the birds their valentines this weekend!

We thoroughly enjoyed our story this week, even though it was one we read earlier in the year. In My Lucky Day, a pig "accidentally" visits a fox, who is ready to eat him. The pig outfoxes the fox and gets dinner, a bath, and a massage out of the deal. I can't tell you how many times we read the story last week, and it seemed like we realized something new each and every time!

Reminders

Don't forget to bring in valentine boxes and valentines to deliver to friends tomorrow-most are already here, but we are missing a few. We want everyone to have a place to put their valentines, and everyone to have valentines to deliver!

The fourth grade special liturgy will be on Thursday, and they are collecting school supplies to send to Africa, to the aid workers with whom they have been pen pals. Kindergarten has been asked to bring in boxes of crayons for them. Please help us if you can by bringing some in by Thursday morning.

We have been working really hard again and some of us are running low on glue and certain colors of crayons again. We have been trying to put the empty ones into our tote bags so that you know we ran out. Please check with your child to see how their supplies are running out...if you ask them if they are out of colors or glue, they will be more than happy to tell you:).

Upcoming This Week

We are taking a big step in our reading curriculum this week! This week we will be introducing beginning consonant blends! We will be working with sl, pl, fl, gl, bl, br, cr, dr, fr, gr, tr, sp, and st! Just think of all the words we will be able to read after this week! Consonant blends can be tricky when reading...we are so used to a consonant, vowel, consonant when blending that often we want to throw in a vowel (for example to say "fil" instead of "fl" to blend "flag".) We will be working hard on that this week! Our new high frequency words to practice are our number words: one, two, three, four, five. We will be doing lots of "heart" felt practice to go along with Valentine's Day! Our story for this week is One Little Mouse. As we read it, we will be looking at the sequence of our stories this week. The amazing words for our story are: woodland, vale, nest, hollow, comfortable, and shadow. We have been learning about naming parts (nouns) and action parts (verbs), and this week we will learn that a complete sentence needs both. Whew!

Our religion topic for the week goes along with St. Valentine's Day. We will read about St. Valentine and hear how the first valentine might have come about. We will also be talking about St. Bernadette and Our Lady of Lourdes, whose feast day was Saturday.

In math, we will be finishing our chapter about numbers to 100. ordinal numbers, and skip counting. Everyone should be able to count to 100 by 1's, 5's, and 10's and to at least 50 by 2's. This week we will introduce our new chapter about time and money. We will begin by learning the coins and how much they are worth. We will have an experiment with the penny to help us see why the Statue of Liberty is green, as we continue to talk about American symbols in social studies. In science, we are working towards finishing our science chapter about the different parts of the earth...land, air, and water, and how we take care of them. All of this and a Valentine's Day celebration too!

Our Week at a Glance:

Monday: Library, Valentine's boxes and valentines due

Tuesday: Wilson Bank and Trust, Spelling Homework due, Music, Happy Valentine's Day!

Wednesday: K-2 Mass (KB Mass parts), practice spelling test, Trees Are Terrific program

Thursday: All School Mass (4th Grade Special Liturgy), Spanish, Final spelling test

Friday: School closed for Diocesan In-service

Monday (the 20th): School and Escape closed for President's Day