

**KW's Weekly News**  
**Monday, February 13, 2012**

**This Week's News...**

Donations of boxes of crayons are being asked of kindergarten students for the 4th Grade Special Liturgy this week on Thursday—they are collecting school supplies for the children of Botswana, Africa. Please send in a box of crayons for your child to offer at mass on Thursday if you can!

In reading this week our focus question is "What adventures can animals have?" Our amazing words are: woodland, nest, vale, hollow, comfortable, shadows. We will be learning about consonant blends with the /l/ sound such as sl, bl, cl, etc. New high freq. words are number words—one, two, three, four, five. We will be working on complete sentences and action parts of sentences.

Our spelling words for this week are:

**you, are, do, that, an**

The spelling homework will be due on Tuesday, our practice test will be on Wednesday and the final test, if necessary, will be on Thursday.

In **Math**, we will continue to work on **different ways to count to 100, counting by 10's, 5's and 2's (skip counting)**. This takes lots of practice, especially counting by 5's and 2's. Most of the children have mastered counting by 10's, so please keep practicing counting by 5's and 2's (even and odd) as much as possible with your child to help them feel successful! We will also work on **ordinal numbers—first, second, third, fourth, fifth, etc.** We will have a special "Valentine Math" activity on Tuesday, when we will sort and graph candy hearts!

**VALENTINES and "MAILBOXES"**

Please remember that we will be exchanging our valentines tomorrow, February 14th. All Valentine "Mailboxes" and valentines need to be in school tomorrow!

**"Come Play With Me" ...**

We all know the importance of playing with our children to help them learn many important skills such as problem solving, paying attention, thinking about the consequences of actions, etc. I came across this poem that I had saved from a teacher in-service last year and thought I'd share it with you...

I tried to teach my child with books  
He gave me only puzzled looks.  
I tried to teach my child with words,  
They passed him by, often unheard.  
Despairingly, I turned aside,  
How shall I teach this child? I cried.  
Come, he said, play with me.

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**Journal writing**—the children are doing a great job of using their letters and sounds in their journal writing each week! We write each morning and read to the class the sentences we've written at least twice a week. At this point they are using "inventive spelling" for words they don't know in which they write the sounds they hear in the word they want to write. It is OK if the word is not spelled correctly, as the importance is in using their beginning, middle and ending sounds they hear, and writing on a topic.

**Symbols of our Country/President's Day**—this week in Social Studies, we will talk about several of our Presidents, especially George Washington, "the Father of our Country" and Abraham Lincoln. We will look at picture books from their era and learn what their life was like and what they did for our country.

**Religion**—this week we will learn about two Saints—St. Bernadette, Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Valentine.

**Science**—this week we will continue learning about temperature—measuring/recording the outside temperature each day.

**Events Coming up this week...**

**Monday, 2/13** — Computer Lab and PE

**Tuesday, 2/14** — Happy Valentine's Day! Wilson Bank Day; Library and PE; we will exchange our valentines at school today!

**Wednesday, 2/15** - K-2 Mass; PE; Practice Spelling test

**Thursday, 2/16**— All School Mass- 4th grade Spec. Liturgy- Donations for the children of Botswana, Africa, Kindergarten students are asked to bring boxes of crayons; Music and PE; Final Spelling test, if necessary.

**Friday, 2/17**— NO SCHOOL or ESCAPE— Diocesan Teacher In-service at Father Ryan High School

**Monday, 2/20**—NO SCHOOL or ESCAPE for PRESIDENT'S DAY

**Mass Parts...**

The children have been doing a wonderful job with the mass parts they have had at the Wednesday masses in January and February—thanks for all of your help and support! Our class will have our third week of mass responsibilities on Wednesday, Feb. 29. those mass parts will come home for practice by the end of this week or beginning of next week.