

KB's Weekly News

Monday, May 10th

Last Week's News

I hope all the moms had a wonderful Mother's Day and that your gifts arrived home in one piece. The children worked very hard on those this week and were so proud of the flowers they planted themselves. They have been so excited to see their plants grow and have taken good care of the plants...just as you have taken care of them. They were so careful as they carried their gifts home on Friday, and not one bag was left accidentally...you are that important to them! I hope your special day was peaceful and that you were given the royal treatment you deserve!

Last week we had the honor of hosting the school's blessing cup. The students were so thrilled, and made sure that we said our special prayer every day for vocations. What responsibility they showed!

We are still closely monitoring our Caterpillars. We have some very hungry Caterpillars that have grown so huge! We thought for sure we would come in today and find some chrysalides, and even had a few excited moments when someone spotted something hanging from the lid. Upon closer examination, we realized that one of the caterpillars had just shed his skin at the lid and that we don't have any caterpillars changing yet. We are anxiously awaiting the moment and I am sure you will hear all about it when it happens. We have been learning in science the different stages of a caterpillar's life...be sure to ask about it!

On Friday, we attended the May procession where we recognized Mary as our Queen and mother in heaven with songs; and the eighth graders and the second graders bringing flowers and crowning Mary. It was a beautiful celebration that had everyone fascinated (at least most of the time), even though we were crowded in the pews. Quite an accomplishment for kindergarten! As the eighth graders came to the front to sing, we did have a few confused friends who thought they were graduating!). They looked so grown up! Our own Mary statue in the classroom also has a beautiful assortment of flowers thanks to some of our friends. We will be honoring Mary all month, so there is still time to bring in either fresh or artificial flowers to place by Mary's statue.

Special Projects

With the flooding in our community last week, there are many people who need help right now. I am sure that many of you are helping in your area as well. However, the agencies that serve people on a daily basis also need our help, especially as many people are shifting their giving to flood efforts.

- * Don't forget that tomorrow is the last day to bring in canned food for the North Nashville Food Pantry. They are desperate for supplies, especially as the summer months approach and they will not have schools to hold drives to help them out.
- * We have had several bags of pull tabs returned already for the Ronald McDonald house. Last year, they received over \$17000 just from pull tabs. Don't forget to be saving them!
- * Also please remember that we are collecting new and gently used toys, books, games, etc; as well as paper towels, cleaning supplies, toilet paper for the Ronald McDonald house. Please share what you can.
- * HRA is looking into holding a toy drive for families who lost everything in the floods. Watch for more information to come.

Upcoming This Week

We have finished all of our alphabet letters! Some of the children were excited when I pointed out that it means no more letter of the week homework. Everyone was disappointed when they realized it means no more secret sack either. We will also finish our last reading unit "By the Sea" this week. Of course, that doesn't mean that reading is over. Instead, we can spend more time practicing reading sight word books and on our writing. Also this week, we will be trying some reader's theater. We seem to have some budding actors and actresses this year, and in the past few weeks we have been trying to make our books more interesting by acting them out. We did our letter Yy book this way when Yolanda went shopping (if you haven't seen it come home yet, it is because your child kept it at school to act it out with a group of friends at center time). We also tried it again this week with our sight word book "A Bed for Bugs". This week, I have some plays for emergent readers and we will be trying "A Frog in the Pond". Not only does it give us a purpose for reading in front of our friends, but it also motivates us to practice reading fluently, as we would when we talk to each other.

Don't forget to practice the spelling words at home...the new words are six, seven, eight, nine, ten.

Our math chapter about addition is sailing right along. Most children this age know how to put two groups together and find the answer...they do it all the time. We are practicing the plus and equals sign and writing the problem down formally. Each time we work too, we are "telling the story" of what is happening. Not only is this helping us write the number sentence, but it is also a verbal introduction to word problems: "There were two ducks swimming in the pond, and one more came to join him. How many were there all together?" As you look over your homework with your child, ask them to tell you the story. This will also help us as we move to subtraction later on this week...it can be hard to switch to counting and writing the total group first, unless you tell the story of what is happening in the picture.

Our Week at a glance:

Monday: Music

Tuesday: Last Wilson Bank and Trust Visit, spelling homework due, All School Mass (KB Mass Parts), First Special Liturgy Practice in the church, Computer, Celebrate Ian's 6th birthday which is upcoming on June 3rd!!!

Wednesday: K-2 Mass, Practice spelling test, Special Liturgy practice, Spanish

Thursday: Special Liturgy Practice, Library (last week to check out books), Happy 6th Birthday Ansley!!!

Friday: Final Spelling Test, Special liturgy practice

Monday (May 17th): Music, Special liturgy practice

Notes

Please join us for our special liturgy and the brunch afterward on Thursday. The brunch should be wrapping up by 9:30. We have been practicing hard and preparing and can't wait for you to share with us!

I have received several zoo notes, forms, and money. Please send them in as soon as you can, to allow us to make our food reservations with the zoo. Everything must be returned by the 17th.

We still have two weeks of work ahead...please check with your child to see how supplies are holding up. We had a few glue sticks run out recently. I did have a few extras to share but the extras are running low as well.

Mark your calendars to join us for the awards ceremony at the end of the year on the 28th. We will have a special kindergarten recognition in addition to our other awards!