

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 20TH - JANUARY 24TH 2024

## WEEKLY GOSPEL REFLECTION

"Friends, we return now to Ordinary Time, and this Sunday, we hear the marvelous story of the wedding feast at Cana from the Gospel of John. It's as though, as we commence the ordinary liturgical year, we're meant to see everything through the lens of this reading. The Church sets it up with our first reading from the prophet Isaiah, who speaks of God's desire to marry his people. Jesus, in his own person, is the marriage of divinity and humanity, and therefore it's appropriate symbolically that the first of his signs would take place at a wedding." -Bishop Barron

## UPCOMING EVENTS

JAN.

20

No School -  
(Teacher Inservice)

JAN

21

Middle School  
Kaleidoscope

JAN.

ALL

Naturalist for All Art  
Classes

## REMINDERS

🔍 Information about Catholic Schools Week will be coming out in the following days. Be checking your student's folders, email, and text messages! Thank you! 🔍

## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- None This Week

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## WEEKLY GUIDANCE CORNER

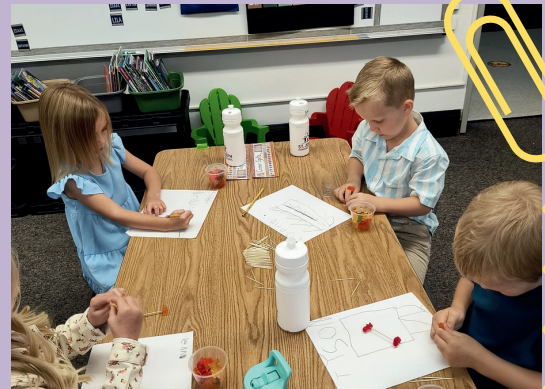
### Understanding Anxiety

Anxiety is another word for feeling worried or scared. It's completely normal for children and teens to feel anxious from time to time, such as before a big test at school or when speaking in front of others. However, if your child's anxiety starts to interfere with daily activities—such as sleeping alone at night, playing with friends, or going to school—it might be a sign that they need extra support.



## THIS WEEK'S MEMORY BIBLE VERSE

*"And we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son."  
John 1:14*



# TEACHER REVIEW SECTION

## SPECIALS TEAM

This week during PE we continued kickball skills with the kindergarten students. We reviewed kicking the ball and proper ways to run the bases. We added in running the bases and listening for an adult to tell you to stay or stop at a base. Infield and outfield were also talked about and implemented into our lessons. The first through eighth grade students learned two new ways to play the game of dodgeball. They learned about Medicball and Doctor Dodgeball this week. Medicball is where each team picks a medic to be able to walk around heel those who get hit by a ball. If the medic gets hit by a ball, then no one can be heeled any more and the team who then eliminates all, is the winner. The students had a lot of strategy they added to this game, which made it a lot of fun to watch. Doctor Dodgeball is a game where there is a hospital and two doctors on each team. Two people are picked to be the doctor and have a scooter which is their ambulance. When a student gets out the doctor tries to get to them, the person out sits on the scooter, and the doctor takes them to the hospital to be heeled and back in the game. With the younger grades the doctors could not get out and it was played for a certain time period, but with the older grades if the doctor was hit, then that ambulance was out of service, so it added an extra challenge to the game. - **Mrs. Schueth & Ms. Winter**



## EARLY CHILDHOOD TEAM

This week white, gray, and brown were the colors we studied. The numbers of the day were 8, 12, and 13. We did the number 12 two days in a row and talked about how it was the same with our popsicle sticks we counted the day before: no more or less. The two shapes we looked at were oval and pentagon. We even learned a new song about the pentagon. The letters of the week were L, B, C, D. We are currently only working on capital letters as we examine how they are made when we write them. We did our last straight-line letter on Monday and started at letters with straight lines and curves. We sang Who took the Cookie from the Cookie jar again and Mrs. Schueth pointed at different names to help us figure out who we thought took the cookie each time. We also started to review how to write one of our straight-line capital letters: T. We did this with both rainbow writing the letter and then writing big and small capital letter T's. We even talked about the sound it makes as we did this. We also did our dry erase activity where we identify our name, spell it, trace it, and write it. The students are all doing a great job working on identifying their own name and some are starting to even recognize some of their classmates names. Identifying rhyming words, beginning sounds, ending sounds, and putting two syllable letters together, was apart of our phonics activities. We continued to do our sounds ABC song and started some of our sounds assessments. For social skills, the peer mediated skill of tapping to get a friends attention and patiently waiting to talk until the person looks at us, was a focus as we started to practice using this skill on an adult in the room. - **Mrs. Schueth**

Letters- H, C, I, D Numbers- 20, 19, 17, 15//Shapes- oval, circle trapezoid, hexagon//Nursery Rhyme- Roses are Red // Finger Play-5 Little Snowmen This week the preschoolers have been beating the cold weather by playing in the gym during our outside times in the morning, and in the afternoon we are alternating between yoga in the classroom and more gym time. We have been enjoying reading books about winter, including multiple readings of The Mitten by Jan Brett. After our third reading, the preschoolers did Picture Story-Word Story about The Mitten. Pictures of those were added to the feed in Brightwheel, so if you haven't seen it yet, head over there to check it out! In small groups this week, the preschoolers are working on new floor puzzles independently. Mrs. Abbott's group is writing letters with the Wet, Dry, Try technique. Ms. Megan's group is playing a new game called Yeti Run. They roll a dice and move their yeti clip that number of spaces down their board. During our math time, we have been talking about circles-how to make circles with half circles and quarter circles, and why a shape with curves is or is not a circle.

- **Mrs. Abbott**



# TEACHER REVIEW SECTION

## EARLY CHILDHOOD TEAM

In religion this week, we focused on the idea that we are God's gift to the world. He also gave each of us talents to share with the world. We are unique and He loves each of us so very much. In phonics this week we worked with the heart words do, too, and will. We reviewed when to use a capital letter in handwriting. We have also been enjoying our read-aloud text set, "The Place You Call Home". The variety of texts in this set has allowed us to think about the differences between genres including animal fantasy, non-fiction and realistic fiction. We have been working with singular and plural nouns in writing. We learned to add the letter s to the end of some singular nouns to make them plural. In math, we began Topic 7: Understanding Addition. – **Mrs. Flugum**

This week we have learned more about weather and how the sun warms things up. In phonics our new heart words are did too and will. In math we are starting to learn about addition. We have started with two parts that make a whole using our number bonds. In reading we have been talking about being ourselves and why an author chooses to write a book. In writing we are learning about present and future tense of verbs. We celebrated Dylan and Lila's half birthday this week. Thank you for all your help and support with the homework and listening to them read. – **Mrs. Westwater**

Happy Sunday! This week in religion our focus was Jesus and how he is the son of God. We talked about spreading the Good News and what that means. We also discussed how Mary was chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus. In math we are working on counting with groups of tens and leftovers (ones). The place value of tens and ones has been very evident in our classroom as well. In writing we are working on our informative pieces. This includes have subjects and predicates in our sentences as well as uppercase/capital letters at the beginning to start the sentence and proper ending marks. In reading we are focusing on friendships and the characters in our books. In science, we continued our unit on traits and adaptations. Be sure to ask your child about the umbrella and how it held up! We hope you have a fantastic week! – **Mrs. Heying**

## ELEMENTARY TEAM

We dove into verbs this week. It ties in so well since we have to tell others how to do something using action words in our How-to explanatory writing. The students also shared their realistic fiction masterpieces with the class. Their classmates then shared positive comments to the authors. It was so fun to see their smiles as they heard such constructive feedback! These second graders are rocking addition of two and three numbers with regrouping. In third and fourth grade religion we discussed four main types of prayer- petition, blessing, thanksgiving, and praise. Ask them about praying in color. The second graders learned about the parts of the mass. The students were introduced to the author Gerald McDermott. He writes trickster tales with bold and beautiful colors. We ended the week with taking a snack outside for Friday funday to enjoy the nice weather before it got cold again. – **Mrs. Herold**

She's Here!! We are excited that Mrs. Rochford will be joining us for her student teaching. She will be with us all day. Over the next couple of weeks she will be teaching different subjects and will eventually be taking over the class teaching all subjects. In 3rd/4th Grade we finished up our testing this week. We kicked off the week by taking our Areading and Amath tests. The students did amazing and made some great growth since the beginning of the year. In Social Studies, the 3rd and 4th graders did a research project on one of the individuals who signed the Declaration Of Independence. Students put together a presentation and were excited to start presenting them. We learned about whales during our Independent Read Aloud time and even talked about how big a Whales heart is. We followed it up by talking about how our heart works inside our body. During our read aloud time, we finished reading The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe. Students will be bringing home their own copy of the book to add to their book shelves. We prayed for our classmates who are on vacation as well as our family members who are traveling.

–**Mr. Larsen/Mrs. Rochford**

## MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM

The coming of the Kingdom of God is a central theme of the New Testament. John the Baptist urges us to repent from sin in order to prepare for the coming of the Kingdom, and Jesus teaches that he has come to bring about the beginning of the Kingdom of God. This week we spent time discussing how we can make a more just and peaceful world, especially in times of social injustice. We also discussed how St. Damien De Verisure, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, and St. Anthony Abbot, and others in history have shown values of God's Kingdom. On Tuesday, we attended Msgr. Carl Schmitt's funeral and heard Fr. Dellaert talk about how Fr. Carl was a great example of living a life of stewardship and answering Jesus' call to create a more harmonious world. While it is hard to say goodbye to someone who has had such a long and lasting impact on this school and our community, we are thankful for the model of faith he has provided for us all. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.