



Dear Parents,

Happy Friday! I hope that everyone had a great week. We have finally seen snow, some of which we brought into our classroom as we transformed our water table into a frozen water table! If it is going to be cold, there may as well have a little snow to enjoy both inside and outside.

It's been a wonderful, busy week.

We began the week by celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday. The Cat in the Hat, 1 Fish, 2 Fish, Red Fish, Blue fish, and 10 Apples Up On Top were just a few of the stories we read to commemorate the inimitable Dr. Seuss! The children then engaged in various activities and projects that extended the stories.

On Ash Wednesday we began the holy season of Lent. Deacon Norm joined our class and placed the sign of the cross on our foreheads. Before Deacon Norm visited, we talked about why Lent is one of the most important times in our Catholic faith. The children learned that we adults prepare their hearts by giving up something that is important to us, just as Jesus did. The children explored ways that they could show Jesus how much they love Him by showing love to each other. They were recognized for being especially kind and helpful this week. Thank you for reinforcing Lenten observances in your own families, helping to deepen your child's faith.

The "Superstar of the Week" has been a great addition to our class activities. The children love looking and learning more about each other. The posters have been a great visual aid for them. It is amazing to witness how far they have come in developing confidence, as they are able to present and talk about themselves with excitement and joy!

There has been a lot of writing going on in the Language Center. Some of the journal writing topics included, *Things I Love*, *The Best Part of Me*, and *I Love St Rose Pre-school Because...* I am in awe with the way the children become so immersed in writing and creative in their ideas. We incorporate left to right tracking, using their finger to place spacing between words. Even during free play many will choose to create books of their own. I hold on to some of the journal writings to assess growth and save for the children's end-of-year portfolios.

If at all possible, we ask that children be dropped off on time (no later than 8:50 a.m.). Officer Perez and the office staff are asking all teachers to stress the importance of being on time for school. When the children come in late, they are missing out on the fun! Going forward, due to safety, if children are dropped off after 8:50, parents must walk them to the main door of the school. Mrs. Braun will come and meet your child at the door and escort him or her to the classroom. This will alleviate interruptions and help ensure a smooth transition into class. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs. Wong.

Lastly, we are at the time of year that germs of all kind are abundant. In order to help keep sickness at bay, if you can possibly donate the following items it would be much appreciated:

2 containers of Clorox wipes

2 containers of hand wipes (to help minimize sink time)

2 roles of paper towels

Thank you so much in advance for helping to keep our classroom clean and germ-free!

I hope you have a blessed weekend,

Ms. Amanda Delaney
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