

January 28, 2011

Dear Parents,

The students worked together with partners this week in science. After choosing the topic (mammals, amphibians, birds, reptiles, fish, and insects) out of a hat, they were responsible for reading material from their science book and at least one other source. They had to gather facts and write a paragraph about the subject. The next part included making a poster that included pictures of a variety of examples from the category. The finished products are impressive and are hanging in the hallway. Ask your child about his/her project.

The students are fully engaged in reading class every day. Between reading for comprehension and being active in the variety of vocabulary lessons, they are really progressing well. I have seen them using the vocabulary words they have learned in spelling, science, and social studies writing. Sometimes a student will use one of the words correctly in answering an oral question, as well. It is very exciting to witness their progress.

Thank you, Mrs. Mendoza and Mrs. Haines, for walking with the class to Anderson House and Plaza yesterday. The kids sang winter and snow songs to entertain the residents.

Please take time to help your child proofread writing assignments. Even though we work on those skills daily in the classroom, many students need additional assistance making corrections on their work. Making corrections in all areas, not just writing stories and paragraphs, improves the skill level across the curriculum.

Catholic Schools' Week begins on Sunday, January 30. An open house will take place after all morning masses. Please take time to walk through the school and see all the students' accomplishments. The Book Fair will also be taking place in the school library. Make a stop there and help support the library. A schedule of events for the entire week was sent home in last Wednesday's family folder to inform you about all the events for the week. I also posted a notice in the classroom, so the students can check it every day, if needed.

The class will be working on a Valentine project. Every child needs a tissue box for the project. If your family empties a box, please send it to school with your child. We will save the ones from our classroom, too. Together we should be able to gather 22 boxes. Thank you very much.

Reminders: January 30 – Open House after all morning masses
 February 1 – Talent Show, 6:30
 February 4 – Grandparent/Special Person Luncheon

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