

4th Grade News

Feb. 6-10

This week for Religion, we had our class mass. We practiced every day and we knew our parts well. On Thursday, Sophie served with Gabe, while the rest of us waited for our parts. I think we all did well. I had the Alleluia and I carried up a gift. Good job class. – Joe

In Math we are learning about algebra. Our main goal when solving an algebraic equation is to get the variable by itself. A variable is a symbol for the unknown. The most common is the letter “x”. If you are adding, you subtract, and if you are subtracting, you need to add. When you do something to one side of the equation, you need to do it to the other side. – Drake

In Science this week, we learned about Earth’s water. Did you know that 97/100 is salt water in the oceans?? That means that 3/100 is fresh water, and only 3/10 of that is accessible, because 7/10 is frozen in ice sheets and glaciers. WOW! Groundwater is water that is in the ground, the water table is the highest part of the aquifer, and surface water is water that is on the surface of Earth. Fresh water is found in lakes, rivers, and swamps. – Jacob

This week in Social, we studied states and their capitals from the Southeast. Did you know that Alabama’s capital is Montgomery? That’s my favorite. On Thursday, Mrs. Trout was gone so we had Mr. O. We took our test and I think we did good. I like to learn the states and capitals.

This week we learned the results of the Raffle Tickets selling. Our goal was to raise \$17,000 and we knew we were over \$16,000 for sure. On Thursday, Mr. O told us that the final tally was over \$17,000!! How awesome! That means we get all the incentives. We earned an extra recess, a dance, sleepover at school, and even a movie and popcorn party. – Axel

In English this week, we learned about pronouns. A pronoun takes the place of a noun. Some pronouns are: they, it, she, he, we, them, and I. An example sentence would be: “She went to their house.” We had a little test on them and I sort of like them. – Lilly

This week we researched Harry Houdini. He was born in 1874, and was a very good magician. He could hold his breath for 5,000 seconds, and could make an elephant disappear. He was known for being an escape artist, and lived for only 52 years, before dying on October 31, 1926. – Sophie

This week in reading, we read a story called The Houdini Box. The main character was a boy named Viktor and he loved and wanted to be just like Harry Houdini. He would lock himself in crates, try to walk through walls, and hold his breath for 5,000 seconds, but was never able to. He met Houdini at the train station and Houdini promised to send him a letter so he could tell his secrets. When Viktor got the letter, he ran straight away to the house, but instead of learning from Houdini, Viktor learned that Houdini had died that day. He was given a box from Houdini’s wife but it had the initials E.W. and he felt mad and sad because it wasn’t Harry Houdini’s box at all. One day when he was older, he found out Houdini’s real name was Erich Weisz

and was able to open the box. The box held the secret to escaping things. I really enjoyed this story. – Bryan

– Mrs. P and the 4th Graders

Spelling

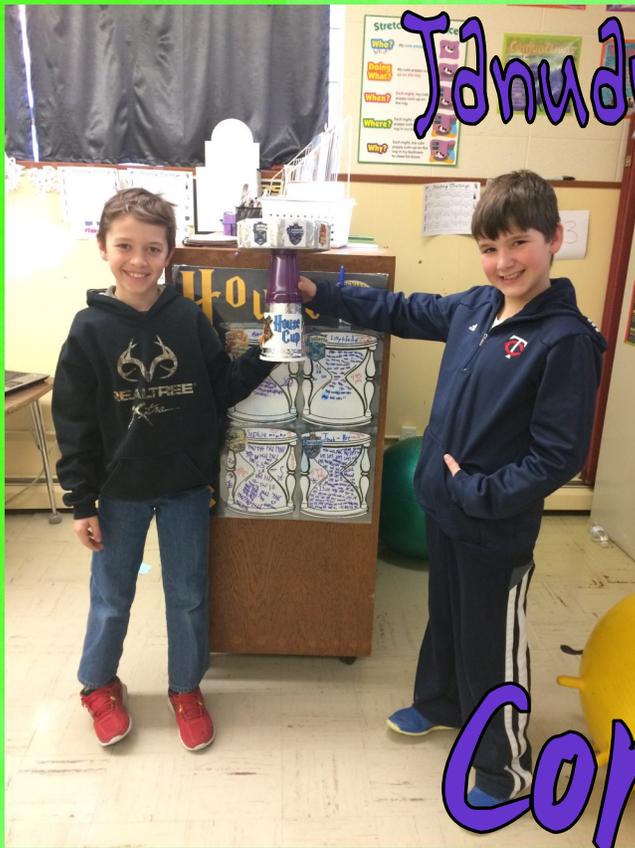
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8. needle
9. single
10. citizen
11. threaten
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13. paddle
14. animal
15. spiral
16. marble
17. oval
18. mumble
19. tangle
20. frighten
21. strengthen
22. knuckle
23. individual
24. cubicle
25. three-dimensional

NEXT WEEK:

- I Love to Read Month
- Feb. 14 Valentines Day Class Party
- No Mass February 16-17 & 23-24

FUTURE:

- Feb. 17 Mid Quarter
- Feb. 20 100 Day Celebration
- Feb. 24 Library Field Trip
- Feb. 27 No School



January House Cup Winners:

Joe and Jacob

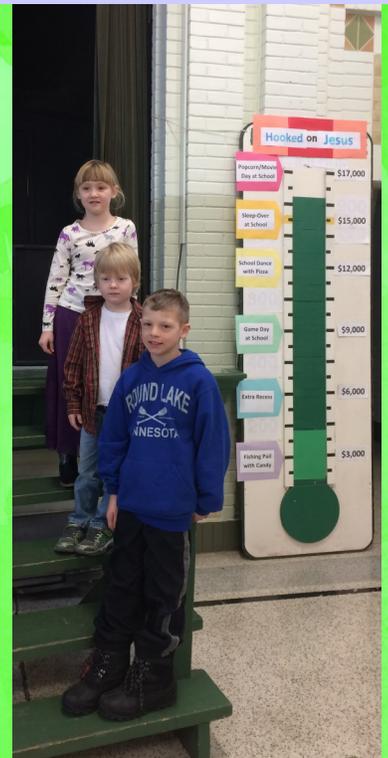
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Congratulations

Axel tied for first place in selling the most raffle tickets!! He was able to pick a prize and decided on taking the water park passes. His name was also drawn out of the bucket for handing in ticket books each week, and was awarded the Kindle. Awesome job Axel!!

January Student of the Month: Axel



OUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

My favorite part of Catholic Schools Week was Pajama Day, because we got to have popcorn and root beer floats, my pajamas were comfy, and I got to watch *Dolphin Tale* and *Dolphin Tale 2*. I had so much fun and stayed very cozy. – **Jade**

My favorite part of Catholic Schools Week was pajama day because we got to wear our pajamas all day and eat popcorn and have root beer floats and we got to go in the fifth grade to watch *dolphin tale one* and two and you could bring a small blanket if you'd like. It was so fun. – **Lilly**

My favorite part of Catholic Schools Week was pajama day because we got to watch movies like *Finding Dory* and *A Turtle's Tale 2* all day and we got root beer and popcorn. – **Axel**

My favorite part of Catholic School Week was pajama day because it was fun. There were root beer floats, movies, popcorn, and of course pajamas. The movies that we watched were *Finding Dory*, and *A Turtle's Tale 2*. – **Bryan**

My favorite part of Catholic Schools Week was pajama day and activity day. I liked pajama day because we didn't have to learn anything and I got to watch movies all day and lay down. We had popcorn and drank root beer floats. – **Drake**

My favorite part of Catholic Schools Week was pajama day and movie day. Because we got to go to the 4th or 5th grade rooms and watch movies. I wore my robe. I was in the 4th Grade room the whole time. I watched *Finding Dory* and *A Turtle's Tale 2*. We got root beer floats and popcorn. I skipped the popcorn but happily ate the root beer float. – **Joe**

My favorite part of Catholic Schools Week was pajama day because we watched *Dolphin Tale 1* and *2* and we didn't learn anything. I sat next to Carson. We ate root beer floats and popcorn. – **Jacob**

My favorite part of Catholic Schools Week was wacky day and pajama day because I was super wacky. I wore my clothes backwards and one of my dad's crocs and one of my boots. It was fun on pajama day too. I wore my pjs and I was in Mrs. Trout's room. We watched *Dolphin Tale 1* and *2* I love those movies. When we were in her room we had root beer floats. I also sat by Kana. – **Sophie**