

Friday Update, 4 February 2011

Please excuse me for not sending Friday Updates home for the past few weeks. Between snow days and auction preparations, I just didn't get it done. The second semester is in full swing and a lot has been going on here at school.

The Stewardship class listened to a presentation by Mrs. Maloney's daughter, Caitlyn, who recently returned from the Dominican Republic, where she and other Creighton students were doing a service project. She plans to return there this summer to help get running water in the schoolhouse for the students. We elected to have a Jeans Day and call it Caitlyn's Cause, which netted \$555.00!

On Wednesday, January 19th, our students were treated to a puppet show entitled "Down the Drain" which was sponsored by Water One and performed by The Stone Lion Puppet Theatre. Not only did the whole school enjoy it, but they learned what happens to water after it goes down the drain.

We got one day of Catholic Schools Week under our belt before the snow hit. Mrs. Christie and some of her Miede Choir members came to provide music for our opening prayer service in the morning, then we had a birthday party for Kansas that afternoon. Mrs. Williams wrote and directed a terrific play that the seventh graders performed, called "There's No Place Like St. Agnes", in honor of our state's 150th birthday this year. After the show, the kids shared the 400 cupcakes that were in the design of a Kansas sunflower. We all appreciate the great cupcakes and hard work that St. Agnes alumna, Mary Strick Haugh supplied.

At the all school Mass last week it was cool to witness two St. Agnes alumni on the altar. Sr. Mary Margaret Rosberg has been playing the piano at our Masses and Fr. Jim Ludwikoski filled in for Fr. Jerry, who was at the church dedication in Chile. It was really special to have them celebrating the Eucharist back here with the St. Agnes students!

We only have 13 more days until the St. Agnes Auction! Thanks to all of you that have helped to solicit gifts sell/buy car raffle tickets, help with decorations, etc. I truly appreciate the time that parents give to make this event a success. Please call if you want to volunteer with set-up, clean-up, or at the auction. I know that Kathy King is also looking for help in the kitchen, both before and during the auction.

This week Mrs. Schrepel's class has been learning about the letter O. We played an opposites game, made an octopus, and learned about animals that live in the ocean. We also celebrated the birthday of Kansas by having a Western Day! Everyone dressed in cowboy gear, we sang songs around the campfire, played a rodeo game, danced to county music, and learned about all the Kansas symbols.

Mrs. Maloney's Pre-Kindergartners have been studying the letter O, so they made owls and went on an owl hunt. They have also been making things related to winter, such as snowmen.

The Kindergartners have been studying the Kansas symbols and working on their hallway displays of

First graders are studying animals and learning how to write a report. They are also creating animal booklets. Each student has been working on a timeline of his/her life.

The second graders have been preparing for the sacrament of Reconciliation. They have been building snowflake snowmen and studying the transformation from seed to plant. They have also been learning about the state of Kansas.

Third graders are learning pronouns in Language Arts and sequencing in Reading. In Math, they are studying measurement and how to tell time.

Fourth and fifth graders are busy preparing for the opera about Harriet Tubman that they are doing in conjunction with the Lyric Opera. They have been working on their inventions for the Invention Convention which is coming up at Union Station. The fourth graders finished their reports on famous Kansans. They have also been learning about mean, median, mode, and range.

Sixth graders in Mrs. Carol's class are finishing reading projects and stained glass windows. Sixth graders in Mrs. Churchman's class are studying metrics in Math. They are completing personal narratives and collages. In Social Studies, the sixth graders are studying Grecian geography, government and culture.

Seventh graders are learning about literature circles. They are also studying "Tom Swifties" which are puns for using adverbs.

Eighth graders are finishing projects on The Pearl. They are also studying, conjunctive adverbs in English. In eighth grade Social Studies, the students are learning about the Executive Branch and the many roles of the President. Students are very excited about their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Physical Education has been fun for kids. They are doing a roller skating unit that will last another week.

In Computer Applications, fifth grade students are learning how to make voice-overs in Power Point. Teachers and students are becoming more familiar with the updates in Office 2010. Sixth graders are learning how to create newsletters using templates.

Have a great weekend. Keep selling those raffle tickets!

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