
 Notes from October 2016 

 In Pre-S we...

- learned about the letter Dd.
- made dinosaurs for the letter Dd.
- made spiders and read Halloween stories.
- learned about pumpkins and felt the pulp inside the pumpkin.
- went on a field trip to the fire station and to Will's Cackleberry Castle Pumpkin Farm.
- celebrated Halloween with our families.

In Pre-K we... 

- learned letters L,M,S,P,H and numbers 1-5.
- learned about fire safety and walked to the fire station.
- went to an Apple Orchard and Pumpkin Farm.
- learned about our body parts and how we are all unique and that humans have 3 basic needs.
- learned how to put objects in groups with similar attributes.

 In Kindergarten we...

- have been learning about the 5 senses.
- had fun going to the fire station to learn about fire safety.
- have been learning about our community.
- are learning to write simple sentences.

In First Grade we... 

- found key details in stories.
- reviewed subtraction strategies.
- celebrated the Feast of St. Francis Mass.
- learned about fire safety and went to the fire station.

 Happy Halloween! In Second Grade we...

- found character, setting, and events of stories.
- used customary and metric measurements.
- celebrated the Feast of St. Francis Mass.
- learned about fire safety and went to the fire station.

In Third & Fourth Grade we... 

- learned about the life and contributions of St. Francis.
- planned, designed, and decorated a door for the Halloween door contest.
- learned about the Presidential candidates for this November's election (*Scholastic News*).
- continue to read *Bunnicula* and use text evidence for reading comprehension.

 In Fifth Grade

- read the book *Holes* by Louis Sachar.
- worked hard on our Native American Tribes brochures.
- studied the Seven Sacraments in Religion.
- used our creative minds on Halloween crafts!

After School Care News... 

- Students have enjoyed playing "Doggie, doggie where's your bone" in the gym.
- Just a reminder that students may not be released to anyone that is not listed on the emergency pick-up list. If there is a change to this form a parent note must be on file.



Art Creations

- Students made Halloween spiders.
- The students had a lot of fun making trees that could be opened. Once they opened the trees they could see their animal in the tree.

What's Kicking With Coach

- PK-2nd: Learned how to do the twist and played hot potato.
- 1st-2nd: Learned how to play kickball and practiced hopping, skipping, galloping and walking backwards.
- 3rd-5th: played kickball and danced to *The Twist* song.

Library

- We focused on the thematic unit of Halloween.
- Students made scarecrows and "Mr. Acorn."
- Students in PS-Grade 2 read: "I'm A Fire Fighter" by Mary Packard, "Fresh Fall Leaves" by Betsy Franco, "Clifford's First Autumn" by Norman Bridwell.

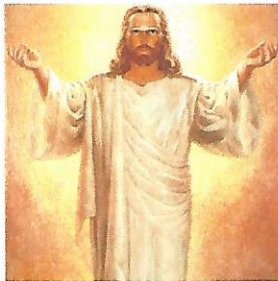
Technology Tidbits

- PK: Practiced using a mouse and picking out shapes and color utilizing the Nick Jr. website.
- 3rd-5th: Utilized code.org for practicing computer programming.



Spanish News

- PS-2nd: learned about farm animals and we will learn more about animals in Spanish.
- 3rd-5th: learned the numbers 1 to 10 and the Our Father prayer in Spanish.



Vocal Music

- Students have been learning "Great Pumpkin Carols" for Halloween, and learning about pitches singing up and down the scale.
- PS-K: are using rhythm instruments,
- 1-5: are playing hand bells,
- 3-5: are preparing for band as well.
- I Will Sing of the Mercy of the Lord Forever is the song we are preparing to celebrate the Year of Mercy.



Extra, Extra!

- Thank you for everyone's support in our Yankee Candle fundraiser. We sold over \$6,000 and earned over \$2,400 for RCS. The Blackburn family is the random winner of the candle raffle for selling five or more items. Julie Francis is the random winner of our candle raffle for sharing our Facebook post. Congratulations to both winners!
- Look for November's Home & School Connection Newsletter!



November Upcoming Events

- 11th: No School - Veterans Day
- 16th: Back to School Night - 6:00 - 7:00 PM
- 17th: $\frac{1}{2}$ Day of School - 12:00 Dismissal
- 22nd: Thanksgiving Mass/Luncheon
- 23rd-25th: No School - Thanksgiving Recess
- 29th: $\frac{1}{2}$ Day of School - 12:00 Dismissal Parent/Teacher Conferences

