



October 3, 2008

Our field trip on Wednesday was WONDERFUL! The kids seemed to enjoy all the different aspects of the day. They had fun and learned a lot about nature and animals, as well as saw many animals scurrying around in their natural habitat. Did you know that a woodpecker's tongue is so long it can wrap the whole way around its head. It uses its tongue after it drills its hole to catch bugs. That was new information to me on the field trip----school is so cool!! A very special thank you to: Mrs. Bourne, Mr. Haas, Mrs. Kraft, Mrs. Lyle, and Mrs. Schahren and Mrs. Zink for chaperoning our trip.



### **What We Did This Week:**

Religion: We discussed the saints as people who lead us to lead good and holy lives.

Language Arts:

- \* Shared Reading: Poem: Animal Voices
- \* Tested our short vowel knowledge.
- \* Began learning about nouns
- \* Perfect our manuscript letters Ff and Gg
- \* Began writing a story about a "special person"
- \* Continue our work in our small flex reading groups



Math - We worked most of the week on story problems and reviewed for the test.

Science - Learned about the reptile animal group.

Social Studies - Finished up the project on needs and wants; began to discuss the difference between goods and services

### **TESTS NEXT WEEK:**

Thursday: Week 2 Fact Test



### **READING BAGS:**

If your child brings home their reading bags in the evenings, it is very important that they remember to bring the bag back to school every day. We use the books in the bag and the reading log folder each day. This has become a big problem in the classroom. When we use our folders and bags, the children who forgot their bags lose valuable classroom time.

### **SPELLING/READING NOTEBOOKS:**

In the back of the spelling notebook, you will find the reading notebook. Several times a week after reviewing spelling words you may want to turn to the back of the notebook and have the children read their poems to you, the word chunk words and their story vocabulary words (these are sight words and the children do not need to know how to spell these words.)

Are you available? If any parent would be interested in coming to the classroom once a week for about an hour to read with or work with individual students, I would be very interested in having you. Let me know.

### **Things To Know or Remember:**

1. Gym Class on Monday--wear gym uniforms t. Nearly all the girls are doing a great job at leaving all jewelry at home on Mondays...we are up to 98% cooperation with the rule.
2. Next week we will be saying the Rosary on Tuesday and Friday. If the children would like to bring in their rosary beads on that day that would be good. You may want to introduce them to the beads and how the rosary is said. We will do that, but sometimes one on one is better.
3. Rosary on Friday in place of Mass due to the priests retreat. We will do this in Holy Trinity Church, so drop off is still at the Elementary Building.
4. Progress Reports will come home next Friday in the Friday Folder.
5. Some students still need to bring in an umbrella.
6. Students are to be wearing their "winter uniforms" now. This would be pants vs shorts and sweatpants vs shorts on gym days. Students may wear their shorts under their sweatpants for gym. If they get warm, they are permitted to remove their sweatpants for class.

Have a wonderful  
weekend!  
Sincerely,  
Mrs. Michelle Detz



