

Mrs. D'Aprix's Second Grade News

Week of March 9, 2020

Saint Kateri School Mission Statement

We at Saint Kateri School strive to continue to develop each child's relationship with God by providing a Christ-centered Catholic academic education focused on the Gospel message of love, responsibility and service to others.

Leprechauns and Preschool Friends

This week we met with our friends in **Mrs. DeRisio's** preschool class. After listening to the story **How to Catch a Leprechaun**, together we designed and built **leprechaun traps** from a variety of found materials such as **tissue boxes, paper towel rolls** and **small gift boxes**. We plan to carefully **hide our traps** so perhaps we can **catch a tricky leprechaun** on Saint Patrick' Day!

Junior Achievement

We enjoyed another visit from **Mr. Chasmar Wells** from M&T Bank as part of the **Junior Achievement** outreach program. This week Mr. Wells helped us practice being part of a **production line**. We worked in teams to create paper donuts for the **Sweet-O Donut Shop**. Our teams discovered the **importance of working together**, and learned how the **efforts of one person** can positively or negatively **affect a team outcome**. Two of our three teams were not able to produce any **defect-free donuts**. The most successful team only created **two out of twenty donuts** that were of high enough quality to sell in the donut shop ... an amazing lesson in **quality control, workmanship** and **wise use of resources**.

SKS Canned Food Collection

March 16 ... canned fruit

March 23 ... canned beans

March 30 ... canned pasta

Please see the list above and consider sending in **cans of food**. Thanks to all who have donated so far! This will be our **SKS school-wide Lenten Service Project** in support of our **local food shelf**. In second grade, we hope to collect between **100 and 200 cans**, so that we will have a substantial amount of building material to use for our **Wegmans "Can-struction"** in April.

Library Field Trip

Our second grade class is planning a trip to the **Irondequoit Public Library** in late April. Students will learn about the various **resources available at the public library**, and how to use those resources to **gather information** for our spring **animal project** (more details to follow!)

To check out books, a student will need a **current Monroe County Library card** that is in **good standing** (all fines paid, etc.) If your child does not have a library card, please let us know, and we can **send home an application**.

There is **no fee** for a Monroe County Library card, and the public library is a wonderful resource for those **“just-right” books** that can help your child practice **reading at home**.

More information regarding this trip (and the animal project!) will be coming home in the next few weeks.

SKS Spring Pictures

SKS **Spring School Pictures** will be taken at school on **March 30** and **March 31**. Our class is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 31**. Students may **dress up or dress down** (appropriately) for these photos!

Stations of the Cross

It is our tradition at **Saint Kateri School** to pray the **Stations of the Cross** together during **Lent**. Family members are always welcome to join us. The next schoolwide saying of the **Stations** is scheduled for **Friday, March 20 @ 2:15**. Our final Stations of the Cross are also scheduled for **Friday 3/27** and **Thursday 4/2**.

Second Grade Mass Date Change

Beginning **March 23**, our school Quiet Masses with Father Gonyo will be held on **Wednesdays at 8:45 a.m.** Due to this schedule change, the date of the school Mass led by Grade 2 has also changed.

On **Wednesday, April 15 at 8:45 a.m.**, the **SKS Mass** will be prepared and led by our second grade students. We **invite** all of our **families to attend** with us as we **cantor, read, usher**, bring up the **offertory gifts** and **lead** our schoolmates in **prayer**. If your child volunteers to be a **reader** for this Mass, copies of the readings will be sent home for **practice**.

Outdoor Recess Reminder

Hopefully our **temperatures** will continue to **moderate**, and we will be able to **go outside** more frequently for **recess**. During the **changeable weather** of March, please remember that your child may still need **boots** and **snow pants** to play on the **wet playground**. Your child might also need **gloves** and a **hat** on any given day. As always, some families may choose to **leave outdoor recess clothes in school** so that a student is always **ready for the outdoors ...** no matter what the weather!

General Reminders

Splash Math Class Code: BXPBPA

Scholastic Book Order Code: P9PYN

Words of the Day ... *wisdom, spectacular, hobby, pursue*

Tuesday, March 17 ... Quiet Mass, Grades 2 and 5, 8:45 a.m.

Friday, March 20 ... Stations of the Cross, 2:15 p.m.

March 31 ... Spring Picture Day, Grade 2

Wednesday, April 1 ... Spirit Shirt Day; Can-struction Day

Friday, April 3 ... Spring Conference Day, no school

April 6-10 ... Spring Recess, no school

Wednesday, April 15 ... SKS Mass led by Grade 2, 8:45 a.m.