



Primary Department Newsletter

Upcoming Dates and Events

- May 5th: Dad's Day Bowling (Field Trip is 9:00 – 12:00)(Ice Cream Social at 5:00 p.m.)
- May 9th: Primary Musical - 6:30
- May 12th: All library books due
- May 25th: School Mass (instead of May 24th); Move-Up Day
- May 26th: Last Day of School – ½ Day (NO AFTER SCHOOL)

Ice Cream Social

Join us Friday, May 5th at 5:00 p.m. for the Ice Cream Social.

If you miss signing up for your PALing commitment Friday morning, you may also sign up for next year's commitment from 5 – 6 PM.

Come and let us, the teachers, serve you ice cream.



Baby Rabon

Mr. Rabon and I are overwhelmed by your generosity and thoughtfulness. It has been an incredible blessing to share the joy filled expectation of Samuel's arrival with the boys and girls. We are so fortunate to be a part of the St. Cyril family and cannot wait for the newest addition!



Bowling with Dads

Primary Department's field trip to Lucky Strike is on Friday, May 5th from 9:00 to 12:00. Even if Dad cannot come, students will have a great time bowling with their friends and teachers.

Religion

We will be learning how to show and spread Jesus' light to others through our actions and our words. We will also discuss the quality of empathy and how to show empathy to others.

Primary Musical

Our students have been in rehearsal mode for the Primary Musical. The performance is on Tuesday, May 9th at 6:30 p.m. in Nicholson Hall.

More information will be coming out.



We are in Need of Disinfectant Wipes

Do you have any extra containers of disinfectant wipes? Your Primary homeroom needs some. Thank you.

Classroom Happenings

Reading:

In May, all students will take the DRA assessment to determine their independent reading level as the 2016-2017 school year comes to a close. The students and I are excited to see the amount of growth made since the end of the last trimester and even since the beginning of the year. On a personal note, thank you for such a wonderful year and for entrusting me to help your child grow in being a reader.

1st Grade: We are working on making connections to the book. Questions to ask include: What did this book make you think of? What connection did you make? I am looking for a deeper, thoughtful connection that discusses the meaning of the book.

2nd Grade: We will continue to use the summary organizer (the sheet with in the beginning, next, then, in the end) to write summaries for the end of the year reading goal of being independent at DRA 28. We will refresh our memory on how to use Cornell Notes to determine the topic, main ideas, and supporting details of informational texts. We will begin to learn and use the features of expository text.

Social Studies:

The students are learning how to read and use maps. Students completed their “Map on Map” project, which showed their home, city, county, state, country, continent and planet. Students also spent time preparing for Earth Day. We discussed the importance of recycling and learned about the difference between man-made and natural resources. We will continue our study of map while looking close at physical and human features. In May, students will begin a health unit study.

Language Arts:

1st & 2nd Grade: The students are finalizing their books from writer’s workshop. They are very excited to be taking home their book collection at the end of the year. In grammar, students finished a unit on synonyms, antonyms, and homophones. Currently, students are learning to alphabetize words, and how to use a dictionary and encyclopedia.

Math:

1st Grade: Students were counting coins, including pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and half-dollars and identifying the combinations of 10. Students have also been counting items in groups of 2’s, 3’s, 4’s, 5’s, and 10’s. They will spend time in Unit 9 building a 3D town and giving directions on a grid.

2nd Grade: Students have been solving addition and subtraction story problems, as well as problems involving fractions. They have been splitting numbers into halves and making mixed fractions. Toward the end of the year, students will be making multiplication and division books and preparing for 3rd grade math standards.

Science:

Students are working with Ms. Tinley on a Rock, Pebbles, and Earth Materials Unit and will finish the year examining the human body.

Coming Soon to All Classes: End-of-year assessments and summer homework packets!