

## Junior Kindergarten Newsletter

Week of February 7, 2022

### **Academics**

We have had a great week. The students were really busy. We did some ice painting and made snowflakes using beads, and celebrated Catholic Schools week. The students made hats of the profession they were interested in. We read "Chrysanthemum" and talked about character traits.

1. We are starting literacy groups and centers. They will be on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Monday and Friday will be whole group instruction. Some students will be focusing more on letter and letter sound, others will be in reading groups. We are also going to begin working on the concept of rhyming words
2. In math we are starting a unit on measurement. The students will even get to measure themselves with cubes.
3. In religious education we are going to learn about St. Valentine.
4. We continuing our unit on ice and water with lots of fun activities, (float and sink fruit, bubble blowing, making rainbows). Just an exploration of some of the properties of water. I will be emailing a request for parents to donate a fruit/vegetable for our sink and float experiment.

### **Books:**

The tale of "Stone Soup" by Marsha Brown, and compare the original "Three Pigs" with another story with a slant on the original called "The True Story of the Three Little Pigs" by Jon Scieszka.

### **Other:**

- Valentines is coming up. We will have a small celebration of that and a farewell celebration for our friend Julian Hill is moving on to greater adventures. Students can bring their Valentines. Principal is asking that food be pre-packaged, (not home-baked), so that children can take the treats home. More on that next week. I will also be sending out a list of the students in class Valentine's
- Because we are beginning literacy groups our schedule will change a bit. I will send a revised one next week.
- It is very important that students get to school on time. Their morning work is always a review of our letter and a review in math. It is important to have that review. We will also begin our literacy groups earlier in the morning and it causes disruption

during instruction when a child  
is enters the classroom late.

Yours in Christ,  
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