## Junior Kindergarten Newsletter

Week of March 21, 2022

HAPPY SPRING! We made it through this very cold Winter and I am looking forward to our Spring. We were busy this week wrapping up our weather unit by talking about the water cycle, wind, and making windsocks. We spent time learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and our own caterpillars seem to be starting the process of turning into a chrysalis. Our ladybugs are fat larvae and hopefully will be changing soon too. Our praying mantis pod will likely take much longer. Keep your fingers crossed. We made a three dimensional craft of the butterfly life cycle and made a ladybug craft with our faces on it. We started addition and the students seem to understand that you are taking 2 parts to make a whole. We have been using manipulatives to help us understand the concept. Strength in their understanding of number sense is very important. We also learned about the Trinity and St. Patrick. We had a visitation from a leprechaun and went on a treasure hunt to find the treats he left us.

## **UPCOMING**

## Academic

- 1. In religious education we will learn about Joseph and his dreamcoat and forgiveness.
- 2. Our letter for next week will be letter V. We continue to review the letter sounds we have learned. We continue to work on rhyming words. Reading groups will continue. SIght words are the, can, this, is and the introduction of here.
- 3. In math we are reviewing some of the concepts we learned in the beginning of the year, (patterns, graphing, number sense, measurement),
- 4. Our next unit will be all things Spring and signs of Spring, parts of a flower, and pollination.

Books: Planting a Rainbow by Lois Ehlert, The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle,

## Other:

- This coming Friday is a half day.
- We will be participating in the Spring music concert and practicing for that. It will be on May 10th and parents will be able to attend in person.
- We are having trouble with water leaks. Please provide a water bottle that is spill proof and with a straw. They will be using them more as the weather gets warmer.

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