

October 12, 2017

The "Know it all" News

Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church and School, 200 East Church Street, Belle Plaine, Minnesota 56011

The Principal Says...

What a beautiful Mass it was on Sunday celebrating with Archbishop Hebda! It was great to see so many OLP students in attendance wearing their Mass uniforms. A special thank you to Mrs. Gleason and the Music Academy students for their wonderful singing during Mass!

This week our school is extra quiet – the 6th grade class is missing! The 6th grade students are busy at Wolf Ridge on their environmental week-long field trip. This is a special experience for students and we are excited to hear about everything they did and learned when they return. Keep them in your

prayers.

All Families invited - Sunday, October 15th– to our Marathon of Prayer Walk! After the 10:00 a.m. Mass, The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a walk where we will be stopping along the way and remembering the prayer intentions students have been collecting with their pledges. Father Brian will be kicking off the walk by eating his gross sandwich with contents the OLP students have chosen! Lunch and a presentation of awards will follow. Please remember to have your child turn in their pledges by Friday, October 13th to be eligible for prizes. Our

school goal is \$6,000 or \$187.50 per student.

Next Week is a short week. There will be no school on Wednesday, October 18th so that teachers and OLP School Staff can attend the Catholic Schools Summit at the Convention Center in Minneapolis. There will also be no school on Thursday and Friday October 19th and 20th for MEA break.

Peace, Wendi Alessio



Mark your calendar:

- © 10/13 Children's Mass Hosted by Grade 5
- © 10/15 OLP School Marathon
- © 10/18 No School—Staff at Catholic Schools Summit
- © 10/19-20 No School MEA Hosted by Grades 3 & 4
- © 10/27 Children's Mass Hosted by Grades 1 & 2



On Tuesdays with the 5th and the 6th graders I continue to pray with the gospel passage for the next Mass. In setting up for our time of prayer I am able to share some relatively advanced concepts in Scripture study, especially the theoretical sources used by the gospel writers. I recently introduced the same kind of prayer to our 3rd and 4th graders, and we may return to it again in the future, though our normal course has been to read them Bible stories. Recent Bible stories have been about the Old Testament Patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. With the Kinders, 1st and 2nd graders we have read a couple different stories. One was the classic Madeline. The other was a story about forgiveness in which we learned that regardless of whether or not a person apologizes, we can choose to forgive and let go. In the process, I gave a silly demonstration of being pouty that caused some giggles. It's a joy to teach your children!

~ Sincerely, Fr. Brian

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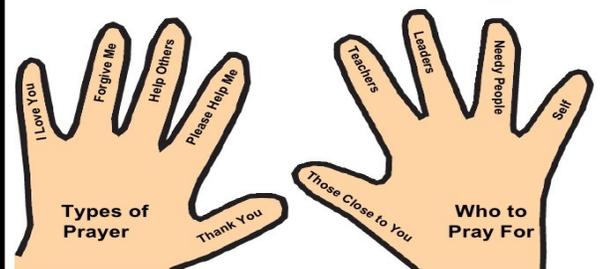
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Hands For Prayer



Here's what's happening in the classrooms:

We are learning about God's promises and the difference between sin and Original Sin. God's forgiveness and love, and humanity's goodness can overcome evil. We are all called to friendship with God.

In Social Studies we are learning about the American people, the government and the economy of the United States. We are talking about different cultures and traditions and how they unite us as a country.

-Mrs. Menke

Learning about fall and the changes we can see, our class found gourds growing in our play yard. We also have a new squirrel friend that stops by often. Ask your child to sing our grey squirrel song. Preschoolers have been busy using tweezers to pick seeds. This is great for our fine motor skills. We had a great time on our field trip to Emma Krumbes, the children got to explore and have hands on learning with fall objects.

Miss. Ashley

This week the K-1 class is so excited about the Emma Krumbes's field trip! We love playing in the corn, going on the hayride, and exploring all of the fun activities Emma's offers. This week we are talking about the vowels, A, E, I, O, U, singing a song called "Vowel Bats," and creating our own bats! First grade is learning about the different stages that plants go through in science. Kindergarten is sorting, comparing, measuring, and observing autumn leaves. It's another great week at OLP!

- Mrs. Urlick

We have been working on lots of fun projects in reading this week. The 1st graders made signs that go with our Superkids story Doc's Patch it up Shop and the 2nd graders made pigeons and wrote types of sentences to go with the Mo Williams Pigeon books. In Science we were very excited to make Stop-Motion videos to show the parts of a plant. Students took a series of pictures that when put together make a short video. We had a lot of fun at the pumpkin patch for our

field trip and enjoyed all our tasty treats we got! Thank you to everyone who participated in the Marathon fundraising!

- Mrs. Zabel

We had so much fun on our field trip to Emma Krumbes's Scarecrow Festival! In math, the third graders are working on writing and creating fractions and the fourth graders are working on adding and subtracting with missing numbers. Our religion focus is sin and how it effects our relationship with God. In science we finished our unit on classifying plants and animals and in social studies we are learning about natural resources.

- Ms. Cates

We hope the 6th graders are enjoying their environmental education week at Wolf Ridge. The 5th graders have been learning about taking notes as we read the book *Who was Christopher Columbus?* We have also been reviewing sentence structure and what makes a sentence interesting to read.

- Mrs. Alessio

We're Makin' Music with Mrs. Gleason!

- ◆ Preschool: We are having fun singing group songs and allowing students to try singing solo during our call and response singalongs. Most have been participating.
- ◆ Kindergarten is exploring high and low pitches and trying out some pitched instruments this week.
- ◆ 1st and 2nd grade are learning how the notes placed high and low on the staff represent the pitch. They are also practicing drawing notes.
- ◆ 3rd and 4th grade will be exploring instruments this week and how the melody can change keys (by using Do Re Mi).
- ◆ 5th and 6th grade have been trying out rhythms with 16th notes. We also are listening to music from Jamaica and exploring syncopated rhythms.

SCRIP IS OFFERED WEEKLY!

Order your gift cards now, for shopping you plan in the future – everything from groceries, to gas, to restaurants. It's money in your pocket and builds a tuition credit for the OLP 2016-17 academic year! Relatives or friends may also place orders and credit your family – this helps build your credit, quicker!

HOW DOES IT WORK? ALL ORDERS NEED TO BE IN BY FRIDAY with your check at 3 p.m. to process and receive by the following Friday.

Please note: We must have a minimum of \$1,000 in orders in order to process as we do pay shipping on non-local scrip orders. If we have lower orders, we will not process until the next order. Call with questions 952.873.6564.

Did you know that we have a trailer behind the garages at the preschool building that you can drop off your aluminum cans in? Proceeds directly benefit OLP School. Thank you!

