



September 28, 2017

The "Know it all" News

Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church and School, 215 North Chestnut Street, Belle Plaine, Minnesota 56011

The Principal Says...

Happy Fall! It is hard to believe that it is already the last week of September! Students are diving into learning and our teachers have been working with them to assess their learning, group them for math and reading, and create positive learning experiences all day long!

NWEA MAP Testing is starting next week! Students in Kindergarten through sixth grade will be taking the MAP test next


week and results will be shared with parents at fall conferences in November.

How is your pledging going for the Marathon? Our marathon goal this year is \$6,000 or \$187.50 per student. Students are asked to bring in pledge money and intention slips on Wednesday mornings to earn ribbons for their lanyards. Students are also working toward classroom goals and if we meet our schoolwide goal of \$6,000,

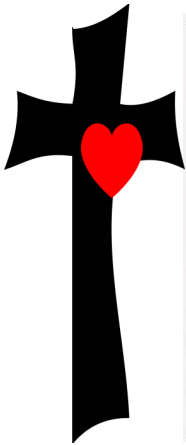
Father Brian will eat a gross sandwich to kick off the Marathon!! Please save the date for Sunday, October 15th and keep getting those pledges!

Cooler weather and changing leaves are part of the fall experience. The changing seasons are such a beautiful gift from God. Please remember jackets, hats, and gloves may soon be needed though!

Peace, Wendi Alessio

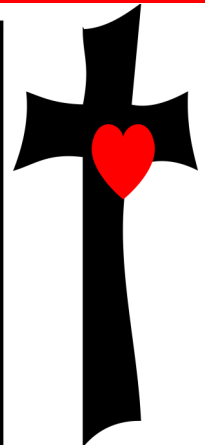
Mark your calendar: 


- © 9/29 Children's Mass - Hosted by Grade 1 & 2
- © 10/6 Children's Mass - Hosted by Grades 3 & 4
- © 10/9-13 6th Grade Students at Wolfridge
- © 10/11 Emma Krumbiee's Field Trip
- © 10/13 Children's Mass - Hosted by Grade 5



Save the Date:
Archbishop Hebda to visit Our Lady of the Prairie
Sunday, October 8, 2017

Celebrate Mass at 10:00 am on October 8, 2017 with Archbishop Hebda and stay for the reception afterwards. What a great opportunity to meet the Archbishop in your home parish!





I continue to pray with the 5th and 6th graders when I visit them in the classroom on Tuesdays. Since they attend the Wednesday daily Mass as a class, we have been praying with the gospel passage for Wednesday's Mass. We recently prayed with Luke 9:1-6. One of our students shared that by praying with this passage she was aware that God provides for our needs. I explained that our awareness of God's concern and care for us can help free us from worry and fear.

With the 3rd and 4th graders, I read two Bible stories taken from Read-Aloud Book of Bible Stories by Amy Steedman. One was a story of creation and original sin; the other was the story of Noah's ark. In the first story, we were reminded that we ought not to sin because Jesus does not want us to sin and sin brings suffering. The story of Noah's ark made us aware that when we try to avoid sin and follow God's law instead, sometime others will tempt us to sin instead. They might even laugh at us as the people laughed at Noah.

With the kinders, 1st and 2nd graders I read Start With Sorry by P. T. Finch and Gokhan Bas. In this book, a three year old named Luna gets quite angry with her brother Asher, and she misbehaves terribly. With her mother's help, Luna is able to apologize to her brother and make up for some of the harm she had done by drawing a picture with him. At least one of our students recognized how important it is to apologize to our brothers and sisters.

We learned great lessons together!
 All the Best in Christ, Fr. Brian Lynch

Here's what's happening in the classrooms:

Digging deep into Science we will be learning how organisms within Earth's biosphere interact with each other and the environment. We are studying different organisms, their characteristics, how to classify them and how they adapt to their environment. In Religion we are learning about The Book of Genesis: the beginning, how God created the universe and is the source of all life. Each person uniquely reflects God as we are created in His image and likeness.

-Mrs. Menke

Preschoolers are learning about taking turns through play. In small groups we have been playing abc BINGO. Our circle time lessons will include: acts of kindness during the Fall season, Fall sensory, and counting objects found in nature. An AlphBOX has traveled home with a child. Everyone will have a turn to take home our AlphBOX and return it with items of a designated alphabet letter(alphabet show and tell). I can't wait to see what things are brought in that start with an S!

Miss. Ashley

This week the kindergarten class is practicing their counting. We are learning that we need to touch the items that we are counting as we say the number. The first grade class is doing different kinds of graphing. We are talking about which category has more, and which category has the fewest. In reading the kindergarten have been introduced to a new Superkid. His name is Oswald and he loves the letter Oo. The first grade is jumping in to spelling. We are practicing both memory words and pattern words. It will be another great week!

week too. What a great week!

- Mrs. Urlick

We are excited for fall in our room! We have been writing about fall things and doing some fall crafts. This week we described apples and wrote about them. Our favorite part was describing the taste because we got to eat them. In reading we are working on Nouns and Pronouns. We also had our first spelling test of the year which went great! In math we have been working on graphs, shapes and word problems. Our class has mass this week and we

have been working hard on our parts. We are ready to read and be song leaders!

- Mrs. Zabel

It's been a busy first month of school for Ms. Cates' Crew. In math, the third graders are working on solving and creating story problems and the fourth graders are working on adding and subtracting with regrouping. Our religion focus is the Beatitudes. In science we are learning how to classify animals and in social studies we are learning about the different landscapes that make up America.

- Ms. Cates

In Language Arts we have been focusing on the different types of sentences and how to find the subject and predicate in each. We have also been practicing writing each of the four sentence types. We are working with place value of numbers into the billions and are learning more about what standard and expanded forms of numbers mean. We are also very excited to start our first book project of the year!

- Mrs. Alessio

Music classes are in full swing!

- ◆ Our Preschool music classes are in full swing! We are learning about all of our voices: Singing, speaking, whispering, shouting. Musical instrument exploration and singing echo songs have been fun.
- ◆ Kindergarten is doing a great job learning the difference between rhythm and a steady beat. We have been playing some musical games too.
- ◆ 1st/2nd grade are exploring eighth notes vs quarter notes. They will be leading children's mass this Friday so we are prepping for their singing performance!
- ◆ 3rd/4th grade should have brought home a worksheet they completed learning time signatures and note values. Super proud of how quickly they are remembering their rhythms! We have been learning new mass songs as well.
- ◆ 5th/6th grade are continuing their study of George Gershwin and exploring the song Rhythm of Life which has some complex rhythms.
- ◆ I will be conducting a cantor workshop this week with 1st-6th graders working on proper cantor etiquette, vocal projection with the mic, and overcoming fear of singing in public.

~Mrs. Gleason~

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 \$1,0000 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.