



May 9, 2019

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...

On Friday, May 10th, May Crowning will take place. Our 2nd graders, who received their First Communion on Sunday, along with our graduating 6th graders will be crowning Mary at the beginning of our school Mass. Please join us for this beautiful event!

Monday May 13th, Brittny from the Scott County library will be meeting with our PreK through 6th graders to talk about summer reading programs through the library. Please watch for a flyer they will be bringing home for more information about these great

programs!

On Tuesday, May 14th we will have a professional photographer in the building taking pictures. These images will be used to create new marketing material for OLP. Please make sure your student is in school uniform on this day.

Congratulations 5th and 6th graders! On Wednesday, May 15th we will be celebrating DARE graduation! This will take place at 12:00 p.m. and 5th/6th grade parents are welcome to attend.

If you haven't submitted your registration for the 2019-20 school

year, Please do so! All families in K-6 are encouraged to apply for scholarships and financial assistance through the TADS program. This application is all completed online.

Peace,
Wendi Alessio

Mark your calendar:

- ☺ 5/10 May Crowning Mass
- ☺ 5/15 DARE graduation
- ☺ 5/17 Birthday Mass Hosted by grades 1/2
- ☺ 5/23 Preschool Graduation
- ☺ 5/23 Children's Mass Hosted by grades 3/4



READ-A-THON RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual Read-a-Thon. Together we raised over \$1,300 for our school! With a very special thank you to our top earner and top reader, Michael Kurvers brought in \$115 and Addisyn Giles read an astounding 5,477 minutes during our month long event. Both students have earned a \$25 Amazon gift card for their hard work.



One of our 3rd grade students requested that I read his class a book about Our Lady of Fatima. Our Lady of Fatima is the title for the Mother of Jesus when she visited three young Portuguese shepherd children several times during 1917. I found a comic book style version of the story (the format is also called a graphic novel) published just a couple years ago by the Deo Gratias Company of Cullman, Alabama. It's a nice book so I have decided to read it to all our classrooms. These comic book style religious books seem to have become increasingly popular, and I have been looking into getting more for our classrooms. At least one of our students has the Action Bible, and it seems to be well received by young people, especially boys. Sophia Institute Press has recently published

four lives of saints books called The Saint Chronicles, and Mrs. Alessio has them already. I hope our students will enjoy them!

All the Best in Christ, Fr. Brian Lynch

Here's what's happening in the classrooms:

Now what? Our 5th and 6th Graders did an excellent job in their recent American Revolution Unit, but we aren't done learning yet! We will cover topics related to the US Government from its inception after the War to today. In Science we will be finishing up our huge Life Science Unit with topics related to how all living things interact with each other within an ecosystem.

In technology our friends in grades 1-6 have been working hard on their keyboarding (typing) skills and now they get to have some fun with them! We are exploring and playing a variety of typing games online to work our newly acquired skills.

- Mr. Lopahs

WOW the end of school is approaching! We are so proud of how much our class has grown.

Preschoolers have been planting seeds. Lots of learning outside and exploring wonderful creations!

This week we are busy making Mother's Day gifts. Thank you for helping us grow!

- Teacher Ashley

This week the kindergarten has been anxiously waiting for our caterpillars to change! We observed that the caterpillars started climbing to the top of the container and making their J's. After this is the chrysalis stage! Everyday brings some excitement. This week we are also creating gifts for our mom's for Mother's Day. We are excited to show her how much we love her!

- Mrs. Urlick

Congratulations to the 2nd graders who received their First Communion! It was a beautiful day. In reading we are all working on contractions and will be making contraction caterpillars this week. In math the 1st graders are learning about 2D and 3D shapes and the 2nd graders are working on 3 digit addition and subtraction. The whole class is working together on time and money. We were excited to get caterpillars for our room again this year. They are currently all in their chrysalises and we are patiently waiting for them to emerge.

- Mrs. Zabel

The third and fourth graders are working on their final book report of the year. Picking from the *Who Was/Is* book series students are creating a biography booklet. In math third graders are finishing their fraction unit and moving onto elapsed time and the fourth graders are working on identifying and measuring angles. In science we started our STEM unit and in social studies we are learning about our state and national government.

- Ms. Cates

The 5th and 6th graders have been learning about tall tales in language arts this week. We have also been learning about figurative language and how it can be used to make our writing more interesting. We are working on our last book project of the year! Students will be choosing a fictional book of their choice and writing a book review on it.

Mrs. Alessio



Children's Birthday Mass



Join us at Mass on Friday, May 17th, at 8:30 am, where we will recognize our students celebrating April, May and Summer Birthdays! Coffee, Juice and Donuts will follow Mass in the Gathering Space.

PLEASE JOIN US!

Our 3rd/4th grade and 5th/6th grade classes will be performing their Recorder and Bucket Drumming songs Tuesday, May 14th at 1pm in the gathering space. You are welcome to join us for the performance.

STUDENTS WEAR YOUR MASS UNIFORM! TUESDAY, MAY 14TH!!

OLP is having a professional photographer come to take pictures for our school website on **Tuesday, May 14th**. On this day students may not be out of uniform - **no out of uniform passes will be accepted**. We would like to put our best foot forward and show off our uniforms on our website. If someone is not in uniform, they will be pulled out of all pictures.

