Our Lady Queen of Peace School

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Love in Every Word. Respect in Every Action. Confidence in Every Heart.

January 4, 2018

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas break and enjoy time with family and friends. It is great to be back at school. The kids were excited to see all their friends and meet Kate (our new KB friend)! Kate’s family has just moved to Madison from Texas.

We had so much fun last month doing acts of kindness; that we decided to continue to do kind deeds around our school and hopefully at home too. Last month, we put hay in our manger if we did a kind deed. This month, we are going to put snowflakes in our dramatic play area.

We started exploring the season of winter and all the fun things you can do during the winter.

Centers:

At the ABC Center, we made ourselves all dressed in our snow gear. Then, we wrote stories about what we like to do in the winter. Many of us like to go sledding, go ice skating and drink hot chocolate. We put them up in the hallway above our cubbies, come check them out!

At the 123 Center, we created pairs of mittens and both of the mittens had to be the same (symmetrical). We learned all about symmetry.

Other Activities:

We created our January calendars. On the calendar, we decorated a snowman with a hat, arms, face and buttons. This is the first month, we wrote all the numbers 1 – 30 by ourselves.

We wrote about Christmas break in our journals.

We decorated cups of cocoa for our dramatic play area. In dramatic play, we get to go ice fishing and drink hot chocolate or tea to stay warm. It is so much fun!

We met our new Superkid, Frits. Frits likes to go fishing. We learned how to write uppercase and lowercase F.

With Winter weather here – please make sure your child comes to school prepared to go outside every day. Coats that they can zip, boots, hats, mittens that they can put on themselves (ALL LABELED) and a LARGE REUSEABLE BAG ( LIKE A REUSEABLE GROCERY SHOPPING BAG) THAT ALL ITEMS CAN FIT INTO FOR STORAGE. Managing all of these items is a challenge for the children. The extra storage bag helps to avoid frustration and tears throughout the day.

I have talked with some parent about wearing snow pants home. If you do not want your child wearing snow pants home, please let me know. On really cold days, everyone will be wearing their snow pants.

Upcoming Themes:

January 8 – 12: Winter

January 16 – 19: Animals Tracks

January 22 – 26: Penguins and Polar Animals

January 29 – February 2: Ocean

Important Dates:

January 12th- Snowmen at Night Party- Wear your PJ’s to school

January 15th- No School

January 26th – All School Prayer Service

January 28th – Catholic Schools Week Open House

– come check out the school – bring family and friends! Lots of fun activities for the kids!

January 29th – February 2 – Catholic Schools Week

February 2 – All School Mass @ 8:30

* ½ Day of School Dismissal @ 11:30

Center Helpers for January:

Raymond – January 10th

Lessner – January 12th

Small – January 8th and 22nd

Brown – January 22nd

Adams – January 12th, 17th, 26th and Feb. 1st.

Miller – January 31st

Morey – January 19th & 29th

Still Looking For Center Helpers in January Center Times from 9:30 to 10:30:

Wednesday, January 24th

Thursday, January 11th & 18th

On Friday, January 12th – I still need 1 parent helpers to help with our Snowman at Night Centers. The party will be from 9:00 to 10:15

**Supplies Need: Everyone needs one shoe box (any size) for a center project during ocean week. Please send your shoe box by Friday, January 12th.**

Have a wonderful weekend! Stay Warm!

Amanda Kiddoo