

# Ms. Toukatly's Newsletter

March 2019

## Dates to Remember:

- March 5-7: Accreditation Visit
- March 6: **Ash Wednesday Mass**
- March 8: Paulina's and Ms. DeLuna's Birthday
- March 15: **No School** Regional Curriculum Day
- March 22: ASB Spirit Day
- March 29: Early Registration Deadline

This month we'll learn about two (2) letters per week, including **Letters N & O, P, Q & R, S & T**. Our word of the month is **Flexibility** which we will discuss reflecting on how we had to be flexible as a whole school community during the snow, how we can to be flexible when interacting with our friends and our families.

## Highlights from February

Our class was apart due to the snow for most of the month, but the days we did spend together were even more special. *I Really, Really Missed These Kiddos!*

### Sharing Our Culture & Our Kindness

We celebrated two major holidays as a class. Rogan shared his family heritage with a special Chinese New Year treat for everyone with a prayer and a lucky red envelope to start the New Year in good fortune. We watched a clip of Chinese New Year celebrations around the world and made our own Chinese dragons.

We also celebrated St. Valentine's Day and wore our favorite red, pink, and heart covered clothes for ASB Spirit Day. Huge thank you to our parent volunteers for helping our class make their Valentine Mailboxes. It's so much fun to see how unique and creative each student is in their artistic pursuits, and the progress they've made from the beginning of the year until now.

### Warm Welcome for a New Friend

We are so happy to have a new student join our class, Annie Caine. Seeing our sweet and loving class welcome a new friend into the fold was such a wonderful experience. We look forward to learning and growing as a group of 12 moving forward.

## **Learning & Leading**

We are getting back into the swing of things after Winter Break. We warm up our creative minds with STEM boxes to practice building skills, trial and error, problem solving, and motor skills. Next, it's time to focus for calendar math at our Morning Meeting exercising listening and participation skills—not a problem for us everybody has a hand in the air.

Everyone participates so enthusiastically with Story Time whether we use Visual Thinking Strategies (coming up to the front to share what they notice in the pictures, counting and identifying colors, numbers, or letters on the page) or invite our 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade buddies downstairs for one-on-one learning.

We recently introduced the Sensory Table at centers and students are having a blast finding letters, shapes, and numbers in the water. Zingo, Lego, and playing pretend are popular centers.

We shake out our wiggles with a game and some fresh air on the playground. I was the target of some small but mighty snowball makers, they *loved* the snow so much they were sad when it began to melt.

Reflecting on our favorite part of the day and thanking God with our final prayers of the day really shows the character of our class. They pray for their friends and their families (even pets and dollies) and appreciate all the things God gave us even the sun and the clouds in the sky.

## **Thank You x 1000!**

Thank you to all of our families for the incredible generosity you showed during Catholic Schools Week. This community is so incredible and our teaching team appreciates your kindness so much.

Thanks for your flexibility and willingness to meet for Parent Teacher Conferences this month, it was a treat to reflect with you on the incredible progress each student has made so far this year and to look ahead to the coming months. Thanks for sharing your child with me; I'm so blessed to be their teacher.