

Ms. Toukatly's Newsletter

February 2019

Dates to Remember:

- Jan. 27-Feb. 2: Catholic Schools Week
- Feb. 4 & 5: **Noon Dismissal** Parent Teacher Conferences
- Feb. 14: ASB Spirit Day St. Valentine's Day
- Feb. 16-24: **No School** Winter Break

This month we'll learn about **Letters N, O, and P**. Our word of the month is **Serve** which we will discuss through our continuing service projects—cleaning up the playground and collecting coins to donate to Helpline.

Highlights from January

Our class started back from break learning about Letters J, K, L, and M as well as participating in our 2nd trimester school-wide art project: collage.

We took a "field trip" upstairs to observe the collages made by 7th and 8th graders, noticing that one picture can be made up of lots of small pieces of paper put together. With our observations in mind we settled back into our classroom and chose from a variety of materials like construction paper, edges from printer paper, and Christmas tissue paper to make collages all about the letter J. Some students chose to depict jump ropes and jelly beans like we had talked about in our journal time earlier in the week, others thought back to Advent and made the baby Jesus, and some pulled ideas from their lives outside of school or church.

Each collage is as unique as the artist who made it and we're so proud to have them displayed on our art line for Open House and Catholic Schools Week!

We were fortunate to welcome senior nursing students from Seattle University to observe our class and give a short presentation about nutrition. The nurses brought a fun worksheet of foods that could give our teeth cavities and a second column of food that is healthier for us to eat. Everyone enjoyed illustrating what they thought a cavity would look like and when Ms. Cathy arrived to lunch time they all wanted to share what they had made. We're so glad to have had this wonderful resource to support our initiatives to educate smart, strong, healthy kids. The nurses were impressed by the healthy eaters in our class!

Thank you to our families for making our Catholic Schools Week and Open House celebrations so special; especially Vera Hemphill for helping on Open House set up/clean up, Jamie and Alice Watson for decorating our door so beautifully and Jenny and Emery Clemens for coordinating and set up/clean up, and everyone who made it to school on a Sunday for Open House!