



Dear Families,

Feb. 2012

Hello! Here's what KA has been up to this month! In theme 7 of reading we learned the sound of G & A and made a mini book for each letter (as we always do). In this theme we learned about the Food Pyramid and where foods come from. We also learned how food gets to our table from the farm. Some stories we read were, Gregory the Terrible Eater, What's On My Plate? and Vegetable Friends. Last week, we began theme 8 which is all about builders and read a story called, Changes, Changes. We also learned the sound of R. We read the Alpha Tales book for the letter R and played, "What's in the Bag?" (as we do for each letter we learn in reading) We had some fun making a Chinese New Year Wreath and were very busy working on our Science Fair project on germs for Catholic Schools Week.

In phonics we learned the sound of P, R, K, J, Q, V, Y, Z and X. Last week we began learning the vowels. We are on the letter A right now. We also had practice blending words and read a mini-book of short A words and high frequency words.

In religion, we learned the story of Zacchaeus, who the members of the Holy Family are and discussed ways family members care for one another. We also learned that Jesus teaches us to be fair and that God loves us. This week we learned that Jesus is always with us and that we can talk to Jesus anytime and anywhere.

In chapter 5 of math, we learned numbers 9 & 10 and learned to recognize the sequence of numbers 1-10. We also learned to use ordinal numbers first through tenth, to identify positions, identify groups of 11 & 12 objects, to order numbers 0-12, count on and count back on a number line, collect and record data and learn what a pictograph is. This week we'll be reviewing concepts from chapter 5 before starting chapter 6 next week.

In language arts, we learned the difference between reality and fantasy, recognized what makes a sentence and used a picture dictionary to locate information. Last week we learned what an asking, telling and declarative sentence is and had practice recognizing what the main idea of a story is. This week we had a lot of practice with each of the 3 types of sentences.

In our Weekly Readers we learned about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and learned all about penguins and even watched a video about them online! We also learned about Groundhog Day and watched a video of a groundhog coming out of his burrow. We also worked on a Weekly Reader about dental health. We'll be working on this theme all month and began with a story last week called The Adventures of Tootsie the Tooth and even made Tootsie! We also watched a

video called “The Legend of Tooth Kingdom”. More books and videos to come this month on dental health! This month we’ll also have some fun learning about President’s Day, Valentine’s Day and the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school!

We had some fun events this month too! Otto the Auto came to teach us about being safe near the street. We also had an assembly on recycling called, “Environmental Wonder”. This week, for Catholic Schools Week we’ll watch a performance from the Musical Theatre group, make our own sundae and watch the Smurfs on Friday! Wow! What fun!

### **Important Dates and Events**

**\*Please remember the policy on sickness. It’s understandable that you don’t want your child to miss school but if they are sick, it’s important that they stay home. It isn’t fair to your child to be sent to school if they’re not feeling well (they won’t perform at their best or even learn much) and it isn’t fair to the rest of us who run the great chance of being infected. I’m diligent about disinfecting and sanitizing but this month we just couldn’t beat it and many of us got sick. Attached, you’ll find the policy on sickness from the school handbook. Please review it and keep it handy. Thanks for your cooperation in helping us to stay healthy.**

Please refer to the February calendar on the school website for all important dates and messages this month. **Also, you will find the calendar for all the events going on for Catholic Schools Week.**

February 3- 12:15 dismissal

February 17- K-8 registration

February 20- President’s Day- No school

February 22- Ash Wednesday. Mass @ 8:45

February 24- \$1 dress down day  
Dental Screenings-brush those teeth!

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Sincerely,

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