



# The Second Grade Buzz

Weekly Newsletter

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## Highlights of the Week

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### Religion:

This week the second graders prepared to host the Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> School Mass. The theme was the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome. I must admit, it was a challenge to make the meaning of this day kid-friendly and understandable. The kiddos were amazing! Thanks so much to the many family members who were able to join us in prayer on Friday morning!



Here a few photos from this special Mass...



### Math:

Students were assessed in their understanding of odd and even numbers. Quizzes will be sent home next week.

Now, we are working with arrays and writing repeated addition equations to go with their visual representations. Here's an example:



$$6 + 6 + 6 + 6 = 24 \quad \text{or}$$

$$4 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 4 = 24$$

## Reading:

**The Ugly Vegetables** by Grace Lin was our anchor text. High frequency and target vocabulary words were practiced in context. We also worked with words containing **double consonants** and **ck**. The vocabulary strategy was understanding **homophones**, and the comprehension skill focus was **drawing conclusions**.

## English:

**Proper nouns** were identified in sentences. Students know that these words name special people, animals, places, and things. Names of specific people, pets, places, and brand names of products are all proper nouns. Ask your child to identify proper nouns in books that are being read.

## Spelling:

Unit 9 spelling test

**Handwriting:** Students wrote a poem in their best printing. They compared their writing to the same poem written the first week of school. Next week, we will begin writing in cursive! Please remind your child to only practice the letters at home as they are introduced. This will ensure that students learn the strokes and letter shapes correctly. I have found over the years, that kids will look at letters and make up their own way to write them. This isn't an effective way to learn handwriting.



## Science:

The three **states of matter** are being explored. This week, students observed and wrote about water in its three states: ice, water, and water vapor. Sand was also investigated because it has some of the same properties as a liquid, like it can pour, and yet it's a solid. The word **particle** was introduced in terms of everything being made of up of smaller pieces that are not visible without the help of a microscope.



## Social Science:

We took a virtual field trip to a Wampanoag village located in Massachusetts where the Pilgrims built their early settlement in 1620. Students were introduced to a modern-day family descended from the Wampanoag who work at the village which is now a living museum. They show visitors what life was like in the 17<sup>th</sup> century in Massachusetts. We'll be learning more about the history of these people and the Pilgrims next week.



## Veterans Day

There will be **no school** on **Monday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>** in observance of Veterans Day. God bless all of our service men and women!



## Lunchtime Read Aloud:

Gooseberry Park by Cynthia Rylant

## Student of the Week

Roberto Astorga was our S.O.T.W. Everyone enjoyed his poster, and the special things he brought to share. Roberto told us about his visits to Mexico over the years and his love of soccer. He even smiled a few times. We really enjoyed getting to know



him better this week!

## SVDP Food Drive

Please remember to pick up some extra non-perishable food for the St. Vincent de Paul's Food Drive. The goal is to collect 1,000 lbs. of food! We can do it if everyone participates. **Donations can be dropped off outside the school office Nov. 13-21. Thank you!**