

SEPTEMBER 13, 2019

# Highlights of the Week

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## Religion

September 14<sup>th</sup> is an important day for our parish and school. It is The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, our feast day! Every student in the school participated in the design and decoration of a cross poster to help remember this special day and Jesus' triumph over death. Next time you're in the school hallway, check out the posters!



## Math:

Second graders had the opportunity to complete the initial online i-Ready Math diagnostic assessment using Chromebooks in the classroom. Students who were absent or unable to finish will have another chance to complete this assessment next Tuesday. Results are used to set an individualized online course of study for each student. This is in



addition to our regular classroom lessons.

Lesson 1 about fact families was completed. The first paper and pencil quiz was given on Friday. Watch your child's Home Folder for results.

## Reading:

We completed all the skills related to our first reading selection, **Henry and Mudge** by Cynthia Rylant. Alphabetical order was introduced, and students completed a comprehension test. The next reading selection, **My Family** by George Ancona, was also introduced. Target vocabulary words were practiced in context. The short vowel sounds of **e, o,** and **u** were reviewed, and the comprehension skill of **compare and contrast** was introduced.

**STAR Reading** assessments were completed this week, too.

Second graders also learned how to access the online reading program called **RazKids**. Your children are definitely digital natives!

### English:

Fall writing samples were completed. Students were given a choice of three writing prompts. The idea was to write a true story about a small moment from their lives. These narratives will act as a baseline assessment of writing skills. They will be shared with you at your child's parent/teacher conference in October.

### Spelling:

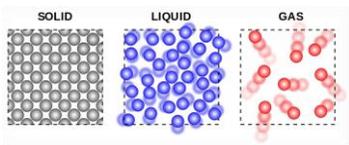
Unit 2 spelling test ~Please have your child study any misspelled words from previous tests. The words recycle throughout the year.

Handwriting: The manuscript letter **LI** was reviewed and practiced.

### Social Studies:

Students took an in-depth look at what it means to be a **Faith-Filled Christian**, our first Schoolwide Learning Expectation.

### Science:



We started our unit about **matter!** The first investigation began with a sharing of what they think they know about this topic. The initial lesson's focus was on a concrete demonstration of how everything is made of smaller pieces and how those parts can

be rearranged to make something new.

### Art:

Students completed self-portraits. If you get a chance, come see them on the classroom bulletin board.

### Lunchtime Read Aloud:

School Days According to Humphrey by Betty G. Birney

### Student of the Week:



Ms. Madison Ohashi was our "Student" of the Week. We learned that she spent last year studying in Australia! We also learned about her family, many friends, and some of the things she loves. It was great getting to know Ms. O. better. We're so blessed that she's part of our learning community!!!

### Summer Reading Awards:

Thank you to all of you who returned Summer Reading Logs. The assembly to honor all the summer readers will be happening soon!



### Homework

Following procedures is getting better! Just a few things to remember: Please keep

homework pages stapled together, return folder and initialed homework daily, and **be sure your child has written his/her number and full name on the first and second pages of the packet.** Finally, return the top sheet the following week. Thank you so much for all your support!

### Permission Slips

Ms. Ohashi, our student teacher from U of P, is required to be videotaped during her professional year with us. If you were unable to attend Thursday's Back-to-School Night, a permission slip was sent home in your child's Home Folder on Friday. Please sign it, and return it to school soon. Thanks!

### Picture Day

Information about school pictures was sent home in your child's Home Folder this week. **School Picture Day will be on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.** Students may wear free dress on this day. Please follow the dress policy located in your Parent/Student Handbook.

### Back-to-School Night

It was wonderful to see so many of you on Thursday evening! Thanks so much for your attentive listening and great questions. Remember, we are partners in educating your precious child. Feel free to contact me if you ever have any concerns or if you just want to share something positive. I'm looking forward to a great year of learning!