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Highlights of the Week

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Religion:



This week second graders learned about how to be the people God wants us to be. The choices we make every day should be guided by God’s rules, or **The Ten Commandments**. This is our roadmap for life!

In addition to the original Commandments, we also learned about Jesus’ **Great Commandment** (Love God and love others) and the **New Commandment** (Love

one another as I have loved you). Jesus told the parable of the **Good Samaritan** to teach us about who our neighbor is. To be true Christians, we should love everyone!

Information about our parish Sacramental Preparation Program was sent home earlier this week. We’re looking forward to helping the children deepen their personal relationships with God through the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

Math:

Our current focus is **place value**. Three-digit numbers,

their values, how to say them, and write them in different ways were all part of Lesson 11.

Students are also working on completing the mid-year i-Ready math diagnostic. This assessment tracks each student’s progress and provides individualized instruction to fill learning gaps enabling students to become better mathematicians.

Reading:



Helen Keller by Jane Sutcliffe was our reading selection this week. Target

vocabulary words were practiced in context. Students read and wrote words with the long o sound spelled **o**, **oa**, and **ow**. We also watched news footage showing Anne Sullivan Macy, Helen's teacher, describing how Helen Keller learned to speak. We even heard Helen's voice!

English:

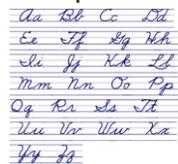
The writing process was practiced as students expressed their opinions, or thoughts and feelings, about a self-selected topic. Three reasons supporting their opinions were included, and concluding sentences restated students' ideas.

Spelling:

Unit 16 spelling test

Handwriting

The lowercase cursive letters **e**, **l** and **b** were introduced and practiced.



Students are having fun putting the cursive letters they've learned together into lots of written words!

Science

Where's the water? This was the question that guided

our most recent investigation. Students observed photos of an ocean, river, lake, and glacier and identified these forms of water on maps. Water is an essential Earth material!

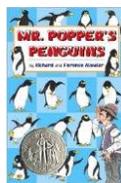
Social Science/Art

Martin Luther King, Jr. was our main focus this week. Happy Birthday, Martin Luther King was read aloud. Then we made cut paper images of MLK to remind us that we need to continue to work for equality and justice. We also watched a video entitled *Martin's Big Words*.



In addition to honoring Dr. King, we continued discussing history, our own! Second graders made personal timelines. This activity will lead to timelines of Holy Cross Parish and School in the coming week.

Lunchtime Read Aloud:



Mr. Popper's Penguins

by Florence and Richard Atwater

Student of the Week



Aubree Rose Glover was our S.O.T.W. Everyone enjoyed her bee poster and all her special belongings. It was awesome getting to know Aubree Rose even better this week!

STAR Testing

Math assessments for STAR were completed this week for 2nd graders. The reading portion of this test will be completed on Tuesday, January 21st.

Results from the most recent testing period will be sent home next week once all students have completed both the math and reading assessments. Please keep in mind that this is only one piece of information that tracks your child's progress and informs future instruction.

Stay tuned...

Catholic Schools Week
January 26-31!

