

The Second Grade Buzz

Weekly Newsletter

WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

Highlights of the Week

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Religion:

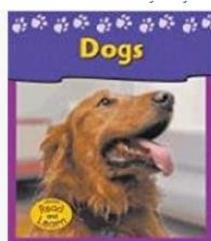
The key teaching for the week was **Jesus being our friend and guide**. We spent a good deal of time discussing choices we make every day, and that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, leads us along the **right** path.

Students reviewed Scripture from the book of Genesis about Adam and Eve and how Original Sin came to be. We talked about the fact that **all** choices (right and wrong) have consequences. Saints, like St. Cristobal Magallanes Jara of Mexico, show us that making good choices leads us closer to God and each other.

Math:

Second graders were introduced to and practiced mental math strategies for subtraction to 20. **Count on, Make a Ten, and Fact Families** were the ways in which students solved math problems this week. Ask your child to show you how they would solve **16-7=?** using one of the strategies listed above:)

Reading:



Dogs by Jennifer Blizin Gillis was our anchor text. **High-frequency**

words and target vocabulary words were practiced as well as words containing the **long vowel sounds of a and i**. The rule for the **hard and soft sounds of c** was used to decode words. The vocabulary strategy introduced was **multiple meaning words** and the comprehension skill was **author's purpose**.

English:

Second graders reviewed two types of simple sentences: **statements (declarative)** **questions (interrogative)**. Students will be writing question sentences during the coming week.

Spelling:

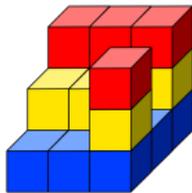
Unit 4 spelling practice and test

Handwriting: The manuscript letters **Aa, Dd, Cc, Ee, Ff, and Qq** were reviewed and practiced.

Social Science:

We continued to work in our Schoolwide Learning Expectations (SLEs) booklets. This gives us an opportunity to deepen our understanding of each SLE, and think of ways to apply them in our lives.

Science:



The current unit of study is **matter**. Investigation 1 was an opportunity to use "see" that things which take up space and have mass are made of smaller pieces, known as particles or atoms. Student engineers designed structures using Unifix cubes. Then the same cubes were rearranged to make different designs. Ask your child what the word **specifications** means.

Art:



Calendar markers for the month of October were made. Students had three choices: ghost, pumpkin, or Jack-o-lantern. Each day a student's design choice goes on the classroom calendar. The pictures are in a mystery pattern that is revealed as the days go by!

Read Aloud:

Ribsy by Beverly Cleary

Student of the Week:

Ryland Betzler was our S.O.T.W. Everyone enjoyed his bee mobile and all the interesting things he told us about and brought to share. We enjoyed getting to know Ryland better this week. Great job!



Birthdays:



Many happy returns of the day (as Winnie-the-Pooh would say). We celebrated three August/September birthdays this week. Finn (Aug. 23), Ryland (Aug. 6), and Claire (Sept. 28). Thanks for the great birthday treats!!! God bless

Scholastic Book Orders

For those who would like to make a purchase, orders are due by Wednesday, October 12th. There is a link to the Scholastic site on the 2nd grade classroom page of the school website. The online code is **L448K**.

Announcement Flyers

Check your child's Home Folder daily for important information about upcoming school events. Flyers about special events like **Casino Night on Oct. 7th**, among many others, are sent home in your child's folder throughout the week.



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL **CASINO NIGHT**

The Parents Club at Holy Cross Catholic School invites you to Casino Night! The annual event is meant for parents, staff, and community members to get to know one another and raise funds.

When: Friday, October 7th 6-10pm

Where: Holy Cross School Hall
5202 N Bowdoin St, Portland, OR 97203

Cost: Early bird tickets are \$25 until 10/1, and include \$20 in gaming credit and two slices of pizza. Additional pizza and drinks are available for purchase.

Childcare: FREE childcare provided by the Parish Youth Group. (ages 4 and up only) Please register your child in advance online by adding "Complimentary Childcare" to your cart. Please write their name and grade in the "notes" when registering.

How to purchase: Tickets are available for cash purchase at the school office. They can also be purchased online:
<https://holy-cross-parents-club.square.site/casino-night>

Questions: Contact Breanna Grisham for details:
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Pumpkin Patch Field Trip

Our trip to Plumper Pumpkin Patch is on Thurs. Oct. 6th! Thank you in advance to all the families who are taking the time to join us on this fun outing. The weather forecast is looking good! Please check your email inbox and your child's Home Folder on Tuesday for more specific information about this Oct. 6th field trip.

