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NEWSLETTER



Battle of the Books

Our Battle of the Books team is preparing to compete in next week's competition on Wednesday, March 29th, at 12:00 at the Paulding County Fairgrounds. For those of you not familiar with the event here are some details. Before school is out in the spring, the Paulding County Library provides each school with 50 books that need to be read. Over the next several months, students work as a team to read all the books, take notes, and memorize the authors. This is a lot of work and dedication. Thank you to Mrs. Gerardot for her leadership and encouragement in getting the team prepared for the competition. The team members above from left to right are: Kailyn Dienstberger, Maggie Cox, Caden Tumblin, Eli Stuart, Kaitlin Slade, Raelyn Schweinsberg, and KatieAnna Baumle. Good luck team!

- Just a reminder that there is **no school this Friday, March 24th**, due to the teacher in-service day. The teachers will have a morning training session on Chromebooks. In the afternoon session, we will welcome back my Aunt Lynne (Ecenbarger) who will present on guided reading instruction and small group reading instruction.
- April 3-7 is our **spring book fair**. As part of our book fair, we are having a guest lunch. Guest lunch day will be on Wednesday, April 5th. There is a flyer enclosed in this envelope explaining all of the details. Please send us a count of guests so that we can give a number to the Payne cafeteria. We are also asking that if you purchase one of the lunches from the cafeteria please pay in advance of the day of the guest lunch. You can send your payment into the office in a marked envelope that has: Guest Lunch, Your Name, number of lunches purchased, and the amount enclosed. We hope to see you there!
- On Saturday, April 29, there will be a **glow in the dark run to benefit Dustin Shuherk**. These forms were sent home last week, but if you need another one I'll attach it to the school newsletter email or let the office know.
- Keep selling for the **Divine Mercy Flower Sales**. Order will be taken until Monday, April 3rd. Payment is due when the orders are placed. Flower pickup will be on Wednesday, May 10th, in the gym.
- Don't forget to **sign up for the myParish app**. Check your email for the instructional flyer.

Classroom Curriculum News

Mrs. Lopshire - Preschool

The pre-school had Shamrocks and Leprechauns dancing in their heads in honor of St. Patrick's Day! Special necklaces were made by stringing fruit loops on a ribbon along with very special charms, of course some of the cereal needed to be tasted along the way. The class used their imaginations and talents to paint wonderful pictures, which are displayed on our classroom bulletin board. Each student described what they had painted, here are their answers: A field of strawberries and flowers, Monster trucks, cornfields, a real monster with tracks, and just a beautiful picture.



Miss Kaufman - Kindergarten

This past Friday in Kindergarten, students had the chance to celebrate the union of the letters Q and U. Students had been learning all week about how all Qq words in the English language are followed by the letter Uu, such as quick, quiet, queen, quarter, and many more. Students really enjoyed the small wedding celebration by making Q and U hats earlier in the week, as well as bringing in wedding gifts that all began with "Qu" for Mister Q and Miss U, and celebrating with some delicious wedding cake!

Everyone had a fun time and really enjoyed the celebration. The students are already putting their "qu" skills to the test during writing time. For example, Simon wanted to write the word *square*, and he realized that there was a "q" in the middle of the word and that he had to make sure the letter "u" was right behind the "q." Keep up the great work kindergarten! :)



Miss Shuster - Grades 1 & 2

On Tuesday last week, K-2nd Grade were visited by Melinda Rhonehouse, Bonnie Hyman, AND Mr. Bear from Dr. Mott's office, and learned all about dental health! Brody Rosswurm and Addilyn Davis got to dress up as a dentist and a hygienist, and all of the students got a chance to brush Mr. Bear's teeth. In the classroom, 1st and 2nd grade performed an experiment with a hard boiled egg and soda to demonstrate what can happen to your teeth if you leave sugar on them without brushing. What a fun way to learn about dental health! (second picture down)



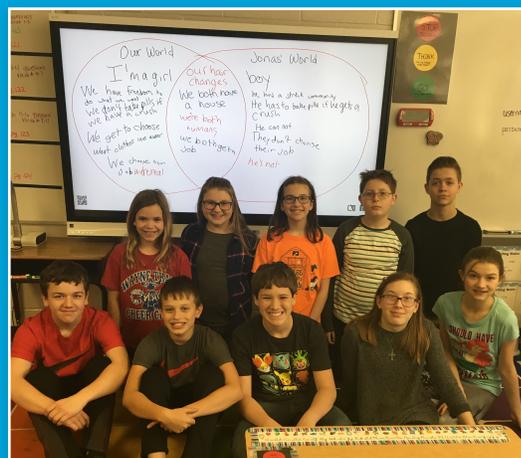
Mrs. Gideon - Grades 3 & 4

In science, we are learning about the engineering process and this week we did an egg drop experiment. The students worked in groups to design a receptacle that would protect their egg as it was dropped from about 6 feet onto the classroom floor. Here Bela McDougle and Jack Schweller discuss what kind of padding they will use to protect their egg (middle picture).



Mr. Grant - Grades 5 & 6

In science class, students have been working on group projects. The class was split into groups of five or six and had to prepare material from an assigned lesson to present to the rest of the class.

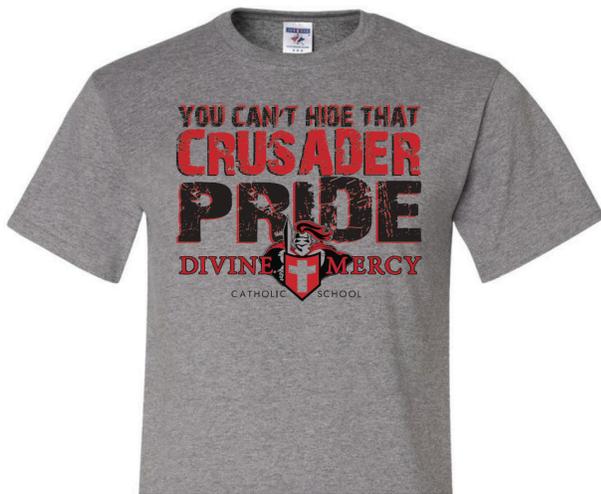


Each group was assigned to learn a section from the text on the different domains of living organisms and then create a keynote presentation, an activity, and some sort of assessment to go along with their presentation. In this photo (fourth down) Oliver Zamarripa attempts to answer a vocabulary question on a smartboard activity created by Eli Stuart, Kyle Slade, Kirstynn Roddy, Jasmine Mattson, Joey Branham, and Kason Carlisle.

Mrs. Gerardot - 2, 4, & 6 Reading

Last Monday 6th grade started reading "The Giver." We have been doing a lot of comparing and contrasting with this book because the community Jonas lives in is very different from our community. In the picture (bottom) the kids are comparing their adolescent life with Jonas' adolescent life. The kids have really enjoyed this book so far. We have many more fun activities that are planned with it.

School Spirit Shirt



We are selling spirit shirts that all students (and parents) can purchase and wear to the staff vs. 6th grade basketball game (During Catholic Schools Week - May 8-12). **Shirts cost \$8 each.** Please complete the attached order form, and make any checks out to Divine Mercy Catholic School. **Orders are due by Friday, March 31st.** Thank you to Stephanie Jesko (Mrs. Mumma's daughter) for making these shirts for us!

*The PTA is purchasing a separate shirt for the 6th graders to wear during the basketball game.

Upcoming Dates:

Wed 3/22	3rd quarter grade cards sent home
Thur 3/23	- Mass @ 9:15 - Father for religion classes - 1:00 Stations of the Cross
Fri 3/24	No School - teacher in-service
Wed 3/29	Battle of the Books competition
Thur 3/31	- Mass @ 9:15 - Father for religion classes - 1:00 Stations of the Cross
Sat 4/1	School Dance 7-9 pm in hall
Apr 3-7	- Spring Book Fair - MAP testing grades 3-6
Wed 4/5	Book Fair Guest Lunch
Fri 4/7	Spring pictures with Lifetouch
Apr 10-12	MAP testing grades K-2
Tues 4/11	PTA @ 6:30 in Mr. Grant's room
Wed 4/12	Easter basket hunt at school
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Tues 4/18	- Classes resume - Staff meeting after school
Wed 4/19	- Kindergarten Screening @ 8:00 in gym - Preschool open house 5-6 - School council meeting @ 7:00
Tues 4/25	- World's Fair in gym @ 7:00-8:00
Fri 4/28	- 2 hour delay - Teacher in-service - Spring Program in gym @ 1:00 (preschool through 6th grade performing)