

September 28, 2016

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all have signed up and completed the Virtus program. Anyone volunteering who will be around the students needs to complete this program. I ask that once you complete the program please email Dianne Jones and myself a copy of the certificate. If you still would like to complete this program, please email Dianne Jones (finance@divinemercycatholic.com) and she will send you the necessary information. Thank you Mrs. Jones for all of your work on this!

On Monday, I was outside with the K-2 classes at their 12:25 lunch recess. I noticed very quickly how chilly it was. Of course I didn't check the weather in the morning, and I didn't bring a jacket to school. I was very impressed with the number of students who had jackets or sweatshirts on. Thank you for keeping up with the crazy fall weather. It never hurts to put one in the book bag just in case it's needed.

The last thing I want to mention is the midterm reports that you'll be getting in today's Wednesday Envelope. These reports are generated from grades that teachers input into their classes on the AscendSMS program. Please look these over and contact your child's teacher if you have any questions. There is a section for you to write comments for the teachers to read. All midterms need to be signed and returned to school.

Mr. Linder
Principal



Last Friday we sadly said goodbye to Chase and Hayden Holt. The Holts moved to Tennessee this week. We wish them the best, and they are in our prayers. Come back and see us!

Lincoln Ridge Farms

The students will **NOT** be visiting Lincoln Ridge Farms tomorrow. **Our makeup day is now scheduled for Wednesday, October 12th. If your student needs a hot lunch for tomorrow they will be available.** For the field trip, every student must pack a sack lunch that can be disposed of, and avoid packing items that need to be refrigerated. Please wear tennis shoes on this day. Each student will learn about different types of pumpkins, and then get to pick out a pumpkin to take home. Thank you PTA for paying for this day of fun and learning!

Classroom Curriculum News

Mrs. Lopshire - Preschool:

Preschoolers have been working on their colors and letters. They worked on an art project where they made paper apple trees, that involved STREAM (science, technology, religion, engineering, art, and math).

Miss Kaufman - Kindergarten:

Kindergarten students focused on the letter sound Hh this past week. During one activity students would listen as Miss Kaufman read a word out loud to them and try to figure out if the word had the letter Hh in it based on whether or not they heard the Hh sound in the word given. One word given was 'henhouse.' Addilyn Davis said that she heard the Hh sound two times in that word, once at the beginning and then again in the middle of the word.

Miss Kuhlman - 1 & 2:

As the leaves are beginning to change, we decided to answer a couple of questions. Do leaves breath? Why do leaves change color? Through experimentation, we found out that leaves do expel oxygen and we broke down the chlorophyll to see the other colors of the leaves.

Mrs. Gideon - 3 & 4:

Last week Grades 3 and 4 learned about scientific experimentation and why it is important to change only one variable at a time to achieve valid data and results. Several students decided to try an experiment on their own at home and share the results with their classmates. One even

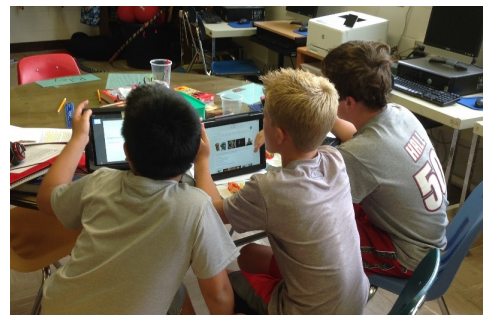
included pictures of his results. The child who brought pictures along with his written results was Aiden Lee. He said, "It was interesting to see that I could make an egg actually float!"

5th & 6th Grade:

Students have been studying the scientific method and how to verify scientific conclusions. In this photo, students are using their iPads to carry out internet research in order to find supporting evidence for the presence of water on other planets.



In this photo, Eli Stuart, Maddox Treece, and Kyle Slade are researching information about King Sargon of Akkad for an upcoming presentation.



Mrs. Gerardot - 2, 4, & 6 Reading:

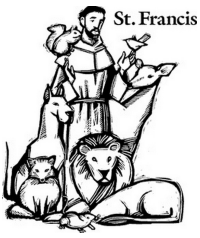
2nd: reading: main idea and detail

grammar: subject of a sentence

4th: reading: compare and contrast

grammar: compound sentences

6th: reading: main idea and detail grammar: compound sentences



On Tuesday, October 4th, Father Poggemeyer will once again have a blessing for pets. The blessing will begin at 2:00 directly behind the school in the grass area. Also, you may take your student home from school as soon as the blessing ends.



Yesterday our order for the student and staff jackets was placed. While the jackets are being ordered, I will discuss with the company the option of having your student's name embroidered on the jacket. There doesn't seem to be much room left on the front of the jacket to put a name because of the two logos, and we don't want the name to look out of place.

I have had a few requests that the jackets be made available for parents and other school community members to purchase. What will probably end up happening is we will create an order form, collect them by a set date, and then turn those over to the company. On this form would possibly be the option of having your student's name put on the jacket too. I hope to have more information about this soon.

Upcoming Dates:

- Weds. 9/28: 1st quarter midterm reports sent home
- Thurs. 9/29: K-6 classes going to Lincoln Ridge Farms for the day
- Fri. 9/30 Mass @ 9:15
Father teaching in classrooms
- Tues. 10/4 Pet Blessing @ 2:00
- Fri. 10/7 Mass @ 9:15
Father teaching in classrooms
- Mon. 10/10 Fall Fundraiser Delivered
- Mon. 10/12 Lincoln Ridge Makeup day (if needed)
- Thurs. 10/13 Mass @ 9:15
Father teaching in classrooms
- Fri. 10/14 Teacher In-Service 2hr delay
Fundraiser Party @ 1:30
- Mon. 10/17 Fall Pictures Makeup Day (for anyone who was absent)
- Tues 10/25 PTA meeting @ 6:30
- Weds. 10/26 1st quarter grade cards go home



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