



Virtue of the Month: Joy

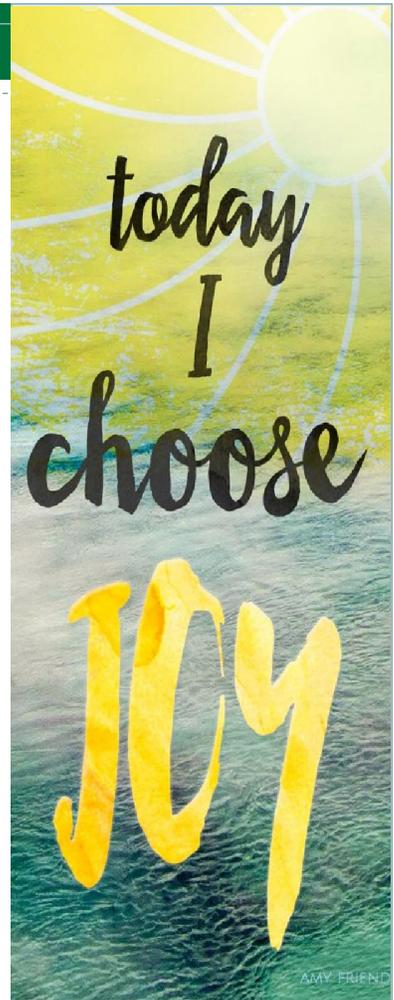
Regis Catholic Schools pick a virtue every month to study and highlight in all subject matters. We learn all about the virtue and do our best to employ in our everyday lives.

April's virtue is Joy.

- ◆ Joyfulness is being filled with peace, love, and a sense of well-being.
- ◆ Joy is inside us all.
- ◆ Joy comes from an appreciation for the gift of life.
- ◆ Joy is the inner sense that can carry us through the hard times, even when we are feeling very sad.

The virtue of joy is what causes us to delight in God's presence, to appreciate the beauty of all God's creations and to have the sparkle of enthusiastic zeal in our lives.

Jim Welch



PUPIL SERVICES WITH MRS. FOEGEN

Where is the school year going? It is nice to see everyone come back from break refreshed and ready to learn. We are assessing students to see the progress they have made and report cards have come home. Our second grade will be receiving their first communion and are celebrating in the goodness of the Lord. What an exciting time! Hopefully spring will be upon us soon as we can be witness to the beautiful glory God has created. Enjoy the new beginnings spring brings. I hope if you have questions on your child's progress or report card you will communicate those concerns to your child's teacher. You can also contact me at any time.

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FABULOUS FIRST GRADE

Rain, snow, sun... what a wonderful time for the first graders to study weather. They will learn about the water cycle, types of clouds, temperature, and much more.

The boys and girls are also very busy writing and illustrating their very own fiction book.

In math, we are reviewing how to skip count by 2's and 5's. During religion, we are learning about forgiveness.

PRESCHOOL & 4K WITH MS. WENDY

Spring IS on its way...as everything outside slowly changes from white to brown (back to white) and hopefully to green, the preschoolers will examine how new life begins in the things around us. God shows us how the wonder of new life springs forth. We'll take a look for any signs of spring we see and try some spring songs and activities about everything from rain to green speckled frogs.

In 4K, we'll examine how new life begins in the things around us as we dig right in with a study about our Earth: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. We will take a look at the Earth's resources and how we use them as well as how we can conserve and sustain the land where we live. As Earth Day approaches we will tie in a new dramatic play...camping! The children will be helping think of props (to make from recyclables) they may use while camping that we can add to our dramatic play area as well as activities that we could pretend while in school. If you have been camping, talk to your child about it and some things they may pretend. We'll finger paint the sun, glue cotton balls on the clouds and paint trees with leaves to put us in the mood. A tent and campfire will be added as well as fishing and measuring (who caught the biggest) and yes...going on a BEAR HUNT!

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Romans 12:12

4K WITH MRS. CHRISTIANSON

Mrs. Christianson's 4K class is just starting their Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle unit. Throughout this unit they will be learning about what people throw away, where our trash goes, what workers do with the trash, how trash and garbage affect our community, how we can reuse junk, and how we can create less trash. With this unit we will also be doing activities that help us to reuse items, such as through our artwork. Be sure to check out the hallway near our classroom for some pieces of work! We are doing a ton of small group work focusing on kindergarten readiness skills, including letters and letter sound identification.

KINDERGARTEN KAPERS

Maps are becoming a favorite topic in social studies with many challenging activities. Math is so much fun as we continue to do simple addition and subtraction. Confidence has really developed in our lessons as we take off in "Rocket Math". Our discussion for Earth Day will focus on recycling and taking good care of our planet. We have discovered some terrific "read along" books for use on our Smart Board. There's so much to learn!

It sounds as though our "Resurrection Eggs" were used at home during Easter. How wonderful! The kindergartners have been inspired this Easter season to become kind and loving friends. We are proud to have earned the "Golden Energy Bus" award for the month of March!

THIRD GRADE THOUGHTS

In religion, third graders are focused on the Easter season and praying the joyful mysteries during daily prayer time. We are learning that the church has a mission to the world.

In reading, students are reading the novel, James and the Giant Peach, with our UWEC block student teachers. We are working on: compare/contrast, character traits, retelling, predicting, and reading fluently.

Students are finishing up writing their persuasive speeches for the Shark Tank science inventions. Students will be starting writing their own personal narratives based on small moments within their lives. We continue to work on word choice, grammar, and proper use of punctuation.

We are finishing up our units on time and money and moving onto fractions. We will be making fraction pizzas and other art projects to go along with each lesson.

In social studies, we are enjoying our Junior Achievement lessons with Mrs. Jacobson from the Chippewa Valley Museum. In class we are learning more about the economy, taxes, and how to be responsible with money.

FIFTH GRADE FUN

As we shift into spring wishing we could see the tulips and daffodils bloom, (yes, they will bloom!) let us not forget the peace that Jesus brings us with his resurrection!

Who was Samson? Ruth? Jonah? Cain and Abel? John the Baptist? Martha? You may have heard about these Bible Characters, but what do you actually know about them? Our current project is to research these people from the Bible and learn more about them. Our reports will be in the fifth grade hallway soon if you want to stop by and read about them.

We are practicing our reading skills as we are grouped into a new Literature Circle. Each day we take on a new role as: Discussion Director, Literary Luminator, Word Wizard, Illustrator, Connector, and Summarizer. Along with this, we are also becoming better writers.

We've traveled the Oregon Trail and have experienced many hardships along the way. We will begin talking about the Industrial Revolution and finish our year in Social Studies learning about the Civil War.

As we progress into May, please be aware of the many field trips and events that are scheduled for fifth grade! Mark your calendars!

SECOND GRADE SCOOP

The second grade classroom is filled with excitement with the anticipation of First Communion. I look forward to seeing the First Communion Banners the children have made.

In math we are working on double-digit subtraction with regrouping. Please continue to work with your child on math facts.

The children completed a STEM project called, TIE-DYED MILK.

Thank you to all who came to the Literacy Fair.



SPANISH WITH SENORA LARABEE

A favorite song in March was "Jesus Loves Me" for all grades and the Alphabet Song by Twin Sisters for grades 2-5. In March the focus was on animals for grades 1-3. In March grades 4-5 worked on various vocabulary review. After Spring Break, and in April, Grade 4 will work on their Food and Restaurant Skit projects and Grade 5 will work on Spanish music videos. The younger grades will continue working on animals before moving on to shapes. Remember to check my Spanish website on your school's website for further information and song lyrics.

Jesus
loves me
THIS I know
for the BIBLE
tells ME SO

GUIDANCE WITH MRS. ESLINGER, SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Our Energy Bus lesson for April is Principle #7: Enjoy the Ride, Understand the importance of living a happy and healthy life! The students did a great job of listing ways to take care of themselves to stay positive and healthy!

In the month of April, the Guidance lessons for kindergarten through fourth grade will focus on celebrating differences. These lessons will include books and activities that emphasize respecting differences. The fifth grade guidance lessons will begin with the same topic, but will then transition to exploring interests and career choices.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for partnering in your child's education!



ART WITH MS. LAROSE

Kindergarten: Mondrian Mice
1st Grade: Robotic Art
2nd Grade: Wayne Theibaud - Cupcakes
3rd Grade: Radial Art
4th Grade: Art With Multiples
5th Grade: Collaborative Art



The elementary art rooms are running low on disinfecting wipes. We would appreciate some extra canisters to help with speedy clean up on messy art days.

St. Mary's Artists! We will be doing some found object art together as a school for the Regis Auction next fall. Keep an eye out in Thursday Thoughts for more details about bringing in small found objects! All three elementary schools will be participating in class group projects for the Regis Auction from mid-April into May.

FANTASTIC FOURTH GRADE

The good news is that spring fever hasn't hit yet!

The students worked diligently on their science fair projects over the last few weeks. Even with days missed due to weather, they learned lots in both their group work and independent work on simple machines. I am proud of their efforts!

In math we are wrapping up our long division unit this week and moving on to fractions. Students will learn how to represent fractions, make equivalent fractions and compare fractions to start. This is the second most challenging unit of 4th grade.

Social Studies we will be learning about how Wisconsin became the great state it is!

The students will enjoy our next reading unit which includes Greek Myths and a lesson from our student teacher on prepositions and prepositional phrases.

We continue to celebrate the Easter Season with studies on the Eucharist and Adoration. We will be writing some poetry and making cards for our second grade buddies who will soon be receiving the most holy sacrament of First Communion.

Remember the season of our hope and joy lasts for 50 days! Have a blessed Easter Season!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION WITH MRS. HOESCHEN

Happy Almost Spring! We are completing our gymnastics unit. Third - fifth grades are working on their individual routines to perform in front of the class. Then we will be paddling our way through April. We are using equipment as an extension of our body such as tennis and paddle activities. These are life-long activities that students can do beyond their school age years. My focus in physical education is staying active and healthy. The following are the benefits of being active: regular exercise provide strong muscles and bones, weight control, decrease the risk of developing type 2 diabetes, better sleep, and a better outlook on life. Studies have shown that physically active kids are more likely to be academically motivated, alert, and successful. Also, physical competence builds self-esteem at every age.

Congratulations Kindergarten...Our Golden Sneaker Award winner! The trophy is displayed in the kindergarten hallway so be sure to stop by and congratulate them. All the classes are working hard to earn the trophy in their classroom. Please help your child remember to bring gym shoes and change of clothes for 5th graders.

Here's the PE schedule:

K-2: Monday and Thursday

3-5: Wednesday and Friday

LIBRARY WITH MS. HOFFMAN

As the end of the year approaches, here are some reminders about library policies. The last week for student checkouts will be the week of May 14. All materials should be returned to the library by Friday, May 25. The last week for library classes will be the week of June 4.

Regis Catholic Schools policy is that all library books must be returned to the library and all fines paid before the end of the school year. If an item has been lost, it must be paid for. If your child(ren) have any fines to pay and/or lost books, please take care of payment before the last days of school. If a lost item is paid for and found at a later date, return it to the library for a refund. Thanks for your cooperation.

Energy Bus Principle #7

Enjoy the Ride!

- ◆ Understand the importance of living a happy and healthy life!



HALO Awards

HALO stands for
Helping And
Loving Others.

The following
students in
Kindergarten
through 5th grade
have received
HALOs since our
last newsletter.

Braxton Albee
Piper Anderson
Jane Black
Austin Bollman
Tanner Chilson
Ray Fradette
Abby Hawker
Casey Kostka
Kate Kovacevich
Ben Olson
Jacob Rubenzer
Braden Smiskey



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COMPUTER SCIENCE WITH MR. HARDY

Kindergarten - Finding a website and getting back to the homepage on a browser. Discussion of safe browsing.

First Grade - Saving and opening files to find them easily.

Second Grade - Lent PowerPoints that they will present in class.

Third Grade - Students are getting acclimated with Google Suite applications and completing their first assignment in a Google Doc.

Fourth Grade - Students are completing a PowerPoint about some computer skills that they will present in class.

Fifth Grade - Students are writing and formatting a Choose Your Own Adventure story in Google Forms.

MUSIC WITH MRS. MECIKALSKI

We have been reviewing what we learned in March and upper grades have been singing rounds. Ask them to share their song about black socks!

Kindergarten: Singing Games and High/Low

1st Grade: Musical Stories and Singing Games

2nd Grade: Star Spangled Banner and Patriotic Music

3rd Grade: BAG songs with Recorders and Singing Games

4th Grade: Continuing Recorder Karate and Singing Rounds

5th Grade: Singing Rounds and Learning about Key Signatures

There will be a Band Parent Meeting in the Regis High School Auditorium on Monday, April 23rd at 5:30 pm. This meeting is for 4th grade and 5th grade students who are interested in playing a band instrument during the next school year. Fifth grade students who already are playing an instrument do not need to attend meeting!

Band Students: Keep practicing Recess Rock and work on your practice goal!



All aboard the Energy Bus...this month "Enjoy the Ride".

