



Virtue of the Month: Self-Control

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.

February's virtue is Self-Control.

- ◆ We manage our actions through self-control.
- ◆ We need the power of our will to be good citizens.
- ◆ The practice of self-control is important to keep us in good character with God.
- ◆ We develop good habits through self-control.
- ◆ Our self-control affects people around us.
- ◆ "I will be quiet and listen to You." Job 6:24
- ◆ "If you stay calm, you are wise, but if you have a hot temper, you only show a lack of control."

FOR GOD GAVE US
A SPIRIT NOT OF FEAR
BUT OF
power AND love
AND self-control.
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PUPIL SERVICES WITH MRS. FOEGEN

If you did not hear Sharon Besterfeldt talk at Regs High School on Monday, January 21, about students' mental health as a parent, it was taped and available to review. Access was mentioned in the communication that is sent out on our website. It was informative, very helpful, and very timely.

As we start the third quarter please pay attention to your child's grades and homework as this can be a fresh start for many. Parent conferences are important in communicating face to face with your child's teacher on their progress and where they are heading skill wise for next year.

It is an exciting time for our 5th grade students as they have shadow days at the middle school. We are looking forward to having them with us.

Any questions don't hesitate to contact me. God Bless.

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In order to make up instructional hours we missed due to the weather closures, **we will have school on Monday, February 25th.**

You should have received a detailed email from Mr. Gobler. Please let the office know if you did not receive this email.



The lunch options for the 25th are:

sloppy joes on a bun
mozzarella dippers
w/pizza sauce
baked beans
cucumber slices
warm apple slices
fresh apples

PRESCHOOL & 4K WITH MS. WENDY

Our new studies (buildings and roads) in 4K and transportation in preschool are getting us back on track! We will be exploring buildings, how they are made, what uses they have, and trying some STEM experiments to see what we can build out of different materials. From there we will explore roads...where they lead, how they are made, and the preschoolers will look at different ways we can travel.

We will also be celebrating with Dr. Seuss with some silly dress up days to make up for missing the fun during Catholic Schools Week. Watch for your list of silly days in your child's folder or cubby!

4K WITH MRS. CHRISTIANSON

Mrs. Christianson's class just completed their Pets unit. During this unit they were able to adopt 4 gfish as classroom pets. Now Mrs. Christianson's class is transitioning into their buildings unit. In the buildings unit the students will be learning about the various buildings we see around us, who builds buildings, what tools are used to build buildings, what buildings are made of, what makes them strong, and what happens inside buildings. We are also continuing to focus on the Kindergarten readiness skills on a daily basis.

*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
forbearance, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.*

~ Galatians 5:22-23

KINDERGARTEN KAPERS

February is a month filled with fun! We celebrated the 100th Day with lots of counting and Valentine's Day with lots of cards.

The kindergartners are growing in many ways. In math, we are telling time, and doing some simple addition and subtraction. In the reading area, writing is becoming a favorite activity. Social Studies will be filled with interesting facts about former presidents, especially George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. In religion, we are working on kindness and forgiving others. Now, that's a lot of learning!

SECOND GRADE SCOOP

I hope that Phil the Groundhog is correct that we will have an early Spring. In math we are continuing to work on double digit addition with regrouping. We work daily on math facts by playing Around the World. The children are learning that the verb **be** takes different forms. We just finished reading the biography, My Name is Gabriela. In science we will be starting a new unit on the Earth's Surface. Thank you to Mrs. Kovacevich and Mrs. Olson for hosting a fabulous Valentine's Day Party. We did an experiment, a stem activity, and ate delicious food. Thank you to all who contributed food and paper products for the party.

THIRD GRADE THOUGHTS

We have been learning about the 10 Commandments in religion and ways we can help ourselves keep these commandments each day. We have also been praying the joyful and luminous mysteries of the rosary along with a daily devotional time. Students enjoyed creating Catholic faith fact booklets for Catholic Schools' Week and writing messages of love to classmates on Valentine's Day.

In math, we continue to strengthen our multiplication and division basic fact skills through Rocket Math and MobyMax math lessons. We have moved in to our geometry unit and are learning the attributes of polygons and plane figures. We are using geo boards to practice identifying types of angles and lines. Students will also be diving in to measurement with area and perimeter later this month.

Third graders just finished reading their second novel unit of the year. It was an emotional ending to the novel, Stone Fox, so students are rewriting the ending by creating a new final chapter for the characters.

Students are busy in social studies completing their biography posters and speeches. We are looking forward to the "Biography Breakfast" in March to present our research. This month, students have also been reading about Black History Month. A few of the influential people we are learning about are: Dr. Martin Luther King JR., Rosa Parks, Ruby Bridges, Harriet Tubman, Mae Jamison, Barack Obama, Matthew Henson and Sojourner Truth.

In science, we have been working on a few STEM projects. Our favorite challenge was "Don't break my heart". Groups were given a raw egg with a heart drawn on the outside. Their goal was to engineer a contraption that would protect the egg from cracking when dropped from a 7 foot height. All groups were given two trials and each group was successful in protecting their egg!

FABULOUS FIRST GRADE

This week in Daily 5 we are "traveling" to space with our story Let's Go To the Moon. We are learning how to write questions; suffixes -y and -ful; long o vowel patterns; and are writing a narrative piece. In math, we are starting our fractions unit. We have began our light unit in science. During social studies, we have been researching past presidents, such as George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. In religion, we are learning about Baptism and the life of Saint Valentine. The boys and girls have been having a wonderful time listening to each other's Bible Animal Projects. Make sure to check them out in the hallway!

FIRST GRADE
FRIENDSHIP
RESPECT
SHARE Be Kind
Do your best
Make Good Choices
HAVE FUN

SPANISH WITH MRS. LARABEE

Invierno (winter) it is!
What a crazy couple weeks with the cold and now the snow! Grade 1 is continuing their grade level oral number timings and are working on pronunciation and speed. All grades will be learning or reviewing family vocabulary. Grades 4-5 will learn some direct object and possessive pronouns along with the family review. (for ex.: Yo, tú, él, ella, usted, mi, su) All are enjoying singing My Mother is a Baker by Dr. Jean along with learning the family vocabulary. All will also learn or review Jesus Loves Me in Spanish. By the end of the month all classes will begin working on calendar vocabulary and the Month Macarena and Days of the Week songs by Dr. Jean. Fifth Grade will also be working on general vocabulary review. They will be making an interactive lapbook that will serve as a "cheat sheet" for the future. May the Love of Christ warm your hearts through this wonderful but snowy month of February!

FABULOUS FOURTH GRADE

This is a fun and busy time of year! Along with our usual curriculum we are trying to catch up a bit on our work from all of the cold and snow days!! This is especially important as we approach standardized testing in the beginning of April.

Here is a brief overview of our current topics of study...

- ◆ Religion - We are beginning to study the 8 Beatitudes. This will be an interdisciplinary project with computer where students will be making a Beatitudes Power Point.
- ◆ Reading - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory- Students love this literature unit. Students will be focusing on answering questions in complete sentences and developing their understanding of the elements of a novel (setting, character, plot, problem/solution). At the end of the novel, they will watch the original movie and then write a compare and contrast essay.
- ◆ Language Arts - Opinion and Persuasive Writing
- ◆ Science- Wrapping up a unit on energy waves and starting a unit on plants.
- ◆ Social Studies - Immigrating to Wisconsin
- ◆ Math - Multi-digit multiplication and geometry

We will have two first year students from the University coming to observe our class twice a week beginning at the end of this month. They will work with students under my supervision and teach a lesson or two. The students loved when we did this last fall.

I am looking forward to meeting with all of you at conferences.

FIFTH GRADE FUN

We have a spelling champion in our classroom: Kylie Pope! We are so very proud of her hard work!

The American Revolution is our next unit of study in social studies. What led the colonies to rebel against Great Britain? That's exactly what we will be finding out in the next few weeks. We will also be doing a simulation with Mrs. Smiskey to learn more about this interesting time period.

Math is getting more fun with lots of practice on finding equivalent fractions and writing fractions in simplest form. This can be some difficult material, but we are working so hard on these problems!

We continue to read from our reading textbook and are on our way to becoming better at answering comprehension questions and elaboration in the answers.

GUIDANCE WITH MRS. ESLINGER, SCHOOL COUNSELOR

During February and March I focus on small groups again with grades 1-5. We will focus on topics such as making and keeping friends, impulse control, good sportsmanship, and mindfulness. Small groups provide a great opportunity for students to build stronger relationship skills and learn a variety of strategies to use in their daily life. These life skills are not only essential in the classroom, but are tools to use in their everyday life.

The Kindergarten guidance lessons will focus on choices. The discussion and activities will include making positive choices each day such as; listening, sharing, and manners.

Now that the fifth graders had their shadow day at Regis we will talk about the transition to middle school. In the spring, Jill Urdahl, the middle school counselor, will come and share more information about Regis and answer any questions the students may have.

Thank you for partnering in your child's education! Feel free to contact me with any questions and concerns by calling St. Mary's. You can also e-mail me at deslinger@regiscatholicschools.com.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION WITH MRS. HOESCHEN

February is a fabulous time for FLOOR HOCKEY in P.E! My objective of this unit is to learn to work together as a team and practice using hockey equipment. Control is an important element in this unit and my hope is that students will be able to learn self-control in many aspects of their lives outside of Physical Education. I emphasize play hard, but play to keep the opponent safe. K-2 are using Pillo Polo Hockey which is played with a 31 inch pillo polo sticks made of foam at the end. The students have pointed out that it looks like a giant Q-tip. 3rd-5th graders are using hockey sticks with foam covering the blade. We've had some classroom PE time this month, so we played sitting down volleyball.



LIBRARY WITH MS. HOFFMAN

This month, Kindergarten is continuing to learn about folktales and fairytales, Grade 1 is finishing listening to tall tales, Grade 2 is learning how to use the online card catalog, Grade 3 is exploring dictionaries and encyclopedias, and Grades 4 and 5 are learning about the almanac. Well, between snow days, that is.

MUSIC WITH MRS. MECIKALSKI

Each class has been spending time working on reading and writing rhythms. Grades K-2 have been singing Valentine songs and learning dances. Grade 3 has been learning note names and composing a Valentine. Grade 4 is working on note names and playing the recorder. Keep sending videos of your student playing their recorder karate belts. I am really enjoying hearing all of the progress they are making. Grade 5 is continuing to work on reading rhythms with the buckets and will be composing a bucket drum piece.

HALO Awards

HALO stands for
Helping And
Loving Others.

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

Landon Bollman
Vaughn Brogelman
Tanner Chilson
Joseph McMenemy
Gabbie Oemig
Aiden Rau
Anthony Ricciardi
Ally Roers
Liam Strahm
Cambrie Wold

COMPUTER SCIENCE WITH MR. HARDY

Winter was coming...now it's here.

First grade is drawing a picture on a spreadsheet.

Second grade is learning more about Google maps, including hemispheres, continents, and oceans.

Third grade is learning to write a paragraph on a computer and proper spacing and indenting.

Fourth grade is working on critical thinking writing in response to a paragraph prompt

Fifth grade is starting to create their 3D prints.

ART WITH MS. LAROSE

- K: Ice Cream Printmaking
- 1: One Tiny Turtle
- 2: Shadowbox Aquariums and Texture Bowls
- 3: Coil Pots - Glazing and Collaborative Art
- 4: Clay Masks
- 5: Bobblehead Clay Sculptures and Athlete Art



With all these snow days some of our class groups are at different stages in project. We will be working hard in the art room to get everyone back on the same project schedule.

Thank you to everyone who has been sending in Styrofoam egg cartons and old plastic containers with lids. These items have already been recycled for different art room needs. For now, we are all set on egg cartons but could still use old yogurt/cottage cheese style containers. Ice cream buckets would also be nice if all this snow hasn't kept you from sharing ice cream with your families.

<https://www.artsonia.com/> If you have any questions about Artsonia please email me at hlarose@regiscatholicschools.com.

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