St. James Elementary

Monthly Wrap up!

January 2021
Greetings from Preschool!

We are enjoying lots of winter/snowman activities, especially *The Mitten* by Jan Brett. Can you see all of the animals squeezed into the giant mitten? It is very fun when the bear sneezes.

These two weeks of January flew by; there was snowball sorting, pajama day, and hammers and nails at the playdough table.

We are very busy with our fairytale castle pretend play and casting spells with the princess wands, what a hit it was to have a (fake) snowball fight one day last week.

We are looking forward to crazy days for Catholic Schools week and we are doing well learning our Angel of God prayer in our 4K class.

Happy Winter,

Miss Cindy and Miss Nicole
Kindergarten - Mrs. Wirz

January is the fun time of the year when we are packing everything into each day and learning so much!! We are writing about many different things and it is becoming easier and more interesting for everyone.

Math is becoming challenging with lessons on identifying and describing geometric solids such as cubes, spheres, cylinders and rectangular prisms, cones and pyramids.

It's all about counting to 100 by 1’s, 5’s and 10’s as we are getting closer to the 100th day of school.
1st Grade - Mrs. Devroy

Christ is born!

We had a great Christmas party in First Grade! We got to make gingerbread houses, elf hats, play winter games, and enjoy a great movie.

In January we are learning about different ways to help us add faster. We are using phonics skills to read words with “th” and “ch” and we are reading harder and harder books.

Mrs. Devroy will be expecting her baby any day now so we are excited to have Mrs. Schultz as our substitute teacher starting in February.
Happy New Year to all of you! I hope you enjoyed your time with your family during Christmas. My continued blessings and prayers are going to all of you as we begin the New Year!

The 2nd grade kiddos started the “New Year” by thinking of new goals that they want to accomplish this year.

In Religion, we continue to learn about our faith and better understand how we can be like Jesus. We continue to talk about the 7 Sacraments and the importance of each one. We just received new Rosaries from Anne Henriksen, who works in the Saint James Parish Office. So THANK YOU Anne for creating such beautiful Rosaries. We can’t wait to learn all about the Rosary and how to pray it!

In Math, we will continue working on Double Digit Addition with and without regrouping. So fun! We will then carry that knowledge into learning about Double Digit Subtraction! We can’t wait!

In Science, we will be continuing our learning about Living things and our Environment, knowing what plants and animals need to survive!

In Language, we are finishing up our story about an inspiring woman, Helen Keller, and will finish our unit off with Officer Buckle. We continue to learn different strategies to help us comprehend and better understand our stories. We have enjoyed learning all of the different letter patterns each week using new spelling words! Keep on reading at home!

We have two virtual weeks coming up so please make sure to check emails and my website to stay caught up! I am here to help you! We will work through it together so please come to me with any questions or concerns that you may have!

Blessings, Ms. Rosene
Happy New Year!

Lots of new learning this year!

In math we began our unit in Multiplication! Kids are picking it up quickly and doing great! I've attached a picture to show you how we are looking at multiplication to begin with.

In social studies we are starting our geography unit and will be studying maps and different locations.

Language arts is all about persuasive writing.

In religion, we're discovering ways we can act like Jesus by being compassionate and merciful.

Lastly, in science we are continuing our weather unit.
The 4th graders are starting the New Year on the right foot! We have begun a new unit for Language Arts in our Journey's series, titled "Inside Nature." This unit will feature stories that explore concepts of nature, like hurricanes, earthquakes, and insects!

We are working hard at our long division unit for Math, and will keep going into division with 3 and 4 digits!

For Science, we are finishing up our unit about energy, and will next learn about waves and information transfer.

In Social Studies, we will continue our Wisconsin studies by learning about the earliest inhabitants of our state.

We have made a New Year's resolution to complete a prayer devotional each day for Religion, and we have been learning about our virtue of the month, "peace".
5th Grade - Miss Bell

Happy New Year!

We are off to a great start in 2021. The fifth graders have each chosen a word to focus on this year. Our class also chose three words to focus on, resilience, self-control, and confidence.

In math we are working on some number theory skills such as identifying factors and multiples of numbers. These skills will help us transition smoothly into our work with fractions. In reading this month, we are going to do a novel study of the book *Hound Dog True* by Linda Urban.

In social studies, the fifth graders have finished their projects on Ancient Civilizations in America and we are beginning to study exploration. The beginning of 2021 has been wonderful and I can't wait to see what is to come!
Thank you to all the families who sent me a gift for Christmas. I appreciate your generosity and wanted to let you know that you made my Christmas brighter!

VIRTUAL LEARNING:
K-1 on my website  3-5 on Google Classroom
All virtual learning for 3rd through 5th grade please check the Google Classroom or my Regis website for grades K through 1st for new projects that your student(s) can do at home. If a project is finished at home there is no need to send it back to school. Simply take a picture of the project and email it to me at hlarose@regiscatholicschools.com along with your child’s name so I can view their artwork and see that they have been participating in art projects while at home. Top down pictures showing the project are preferred, however any photograph clearly showing the project will work. Any art project completed at home can be submitted to me this way to eliminate the possibility of the artwork getting lost or damaged while travelling between home and school.

I recommend that every household has crayons, colored pencils, markers, colored construction paper, plain white paper (thicker copy paper preferred), watercolor paint set, paint brushes, liquid glue, scissors, and a ruler. These basic art supplies will allow all elementary artists to make art at home without requiring supplies to be sent home.
Happy New Year!

Happy 2021 St. James! I hope the holidays were a time of celebration and relaxation with your loved ones. May God fill your year with abounding joy, love and hope.

We will continue to have PE classes outside as long as the weather conditions are pleasant enough to be outdoors. Thank you for sending your children with proper winter attire which makes being outside more enjoyable for all of us. For the next two weeks when we are virtual my activities will be posted on my school website mhoeschen@regiscatholicschools.com for grades K-2 and 3-5 will be on Google Classroom. These are the focus skills and activities for this month:

Kindergarten: the fundamentals of kicking
First Grade: Frisbee
Second Grade: Soccer
Third Grade: Throwing
Fourth Grade: Alternative Dodgeball activities
Fifth Grade: Flag Football
Happy new year! We are doing many “Snowy” activities in music this January. Students will get to sing “January is so Cold” during our virtual weeks as well as reviewing rhythms and learning to notate whole, half, quarter and eighth notes. During January we will be also starting to work on Solfege: Do Re Mi Fa So La Ti Do. 3rd grade is beginning to work on note names on the staff, 4th grade is beginning recorder karate and 5th grade will begin working on Ukulele.

During our virtual weeks, any worksheets completed need to be turned in to show participation in music. Please make sure students name and grade are on the first page. 3rd, 4th and 5th grade should check to see that they have clicked turn in on the assignments in Google Classroom.
4th and 5th Grade students are working away on reading for the Battle of the Books. New books are being cataloged and added to all locations. 

Virtual days are a great time to read together as a family. Remind your student(s) to return their books when they come back to the school building. 

A reminder that virtual students may request library books. The login information to our library catalog, Library World, is available through my website. Email me at tminiatt@case.k12.wi.us with the child’s school, name, and book title and I will leave the requested book at the front desk for pick up.
January/enero 2021

¡Prospero Año Nuevo! Happy New Year! The new year started with our celebration of Three Kings Day, El Día de los Tres Reyes Magos, some camel footprints and various candy left in a paper shoe for each classroom. I wasn’t able to share Three Kings Cake with Kindergarten this year, but will try next year if the restrictions go away. Some olders students were sad that they didn’t have the opportunity to find the Baby Jesus. Kindergarteners made paper crowns instead. After reviewing Spanish Christmas traditions we moved on to calendar vocabulary. All will review the Spanish months, Gr. 1-5 the Spanish days of the week, and Gr. 3-5 how to say the date in Spanish.

Our virtual learning will be starting next week with a continuation of our calendar themes and then family vocabulary. Students in grades 1-5 will be bringing home their Spanish folders as part of their assignment for virtual learning. Students returning to the classroom in February just need to bring their folders back to school so work can be checked and discussed. Kindergarten has a packet for months and family and will bring those back to be added to their Spanish folders upon return. Virtual learners will need to take photos (cell phone is fine) of their completed assignments and then EMAIL them to me for credit. I will be posting assignments on my microsite on the Assignment page, https://www.regiscatholicschools.com/staff/lynne-larabee/assignments/, and sharing this link with the classroom teachers for Gr. K-2. My Google Classroom page for each class will have the assignments for Gr. 3-5. Please don’t hesitate to email me if you have any questions or concerns.
Mrs. Eslinger, Guidance

Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed celebrating the holidays with those you love.

The guidance lessons in grades 1-5 for the month of January will focus on bullying prevention. Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. There are a lot of great books that address bullying prevention that I will be incorporating into my guidance lessons. The first graders will listen to how Howard B. Wigglebottom handles bullies and they will also hear the story of Llama, Llama and the bully goat. The second graders will listen to a series of books written by Trudy Ludwig, titled Just Kidding, My Secret Bully, Sorry, and Trouble Talk. The third graders will listen to The Juice Box Bully and create Bully Bugs. The fourth graders will complete activities after they listen to a series of books by Erin Frankel, titled Weird, Dare, & Tough. The fifth graders will spend some time listening to videos and stories on NetSmartz.org to learn more about internet safety and cyberbullying. Lastly, the Kindergarteners have been learning about their feelings through their guidance activities and are learning how to handle strong emotions.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions and concerns by calling St. Mary's or St. James. You can also email me at deslinger@regiscatholicschools.com.

Thank you for partnering in your child's education!