

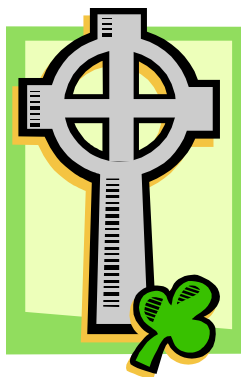
Academy News

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SAVE THE DATE

April 27, 2012

“A Night at The Academy Awards”
Academy Gala

Academy Gala

Friday, April 27 is our Academy Gala, “A Night at The Academy Awards.” Join us for the evening with dinner, dancing, raffles, auctions, and more! Invitations for the event will be sent out next week. This is a wonderful way for us to celebrate our families, students, teachers, and the many accomplishments we have had throughout the school year. If you have not yet submitted names and addresses of family and friends you would like to invite, please do so by next week!

Upcoming Events:

Mar. 12-16	International Week
Mar. 16	STUDENTS WEAR GREEN FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY
	Family Game Night Cancelled
Mar. 19	STUDENTS WEAR RED FOR ST. JOSEPH'S DAY
Mar. 22	FSA meeting (Gala Planning) 6:30pm
Mar. 23	Teacher In-service NO SCHOOL

Weather

Be sure to have your child dress appropriately for this unseasonably warm weather. We do not yet have the air conditioning on in the building, and it tends to get warm in the classrooms. Please send your child with a water bottle to help cool them off during the day.

Parent Meeting

As a follow-up to our Focus Group of January 19, we will be having a mandatory parent meeting within the next couple of weeks. A date has not yet been determined, but all parents are required to attend. As soon as a date has been scheduled, we will let you know.

It's International Week at The Academy

We have had some great presentations this week! We have learned about Poland, Croatia, Mongolia, and there are more to come! Thank you, Parents, for coming in and sharing your time with us to help us learn more about each other. Tomorrow we have a couple more demonstrations.



Gala Committees

Many of you have signed up to be a part of a committee for our Gala planning. Thank you! We are still in need of more families to sign up to help with assembling raffle baskets, deciding on decorations for the event to coordinate with our theme, preparing the auction items, and most importantly...we need room parents to help organize a classroom gift. Typically each classroom will donate an item to be auctioned off at the event. Our first year, we had a quilt and a blanket that were donated from the classrooms.

We are looking forward to your help and ideas on Thursday, March 22 at 6:30pm.

Lenten Project

Our focus during this year has been Faith, Academics, and Service. Lent began on Ash Wednesday, when the children received ashes as a sign of Jesus dying on the cross for us. As a school community, we have decided to raise money for the children of Haiti through Catholic Relief Services. We are asking the students to do various chores around the house to raise money to be donated. We will be collecting any loose change up through March 30. We will be sending the money before we break for Easter.

Each classroom has made a bank to collect the donations, and during Religion class, the teachers have been talking with the students about Haiti.

Fundraising Fee

As you know, each family is responsible for raising \$200 for our fundraising fee for the 2011-2012 school year. Many families participated in our Football Mania fundraiser and have fulfilled their required \$200. If you have not, please see the flyer sent home today in our communication folders for selling raffle tickets for our \$500 Cash Raffle. The winner of the raffle will be drawn the night of the Gala!

Many families have already requested tickets. If you need more, please contact Mrs. Hodge or Mrs. Angie.

Check out what's happening in our classrooms...

Ms. Margaret's Pre-School

This week in the 3-year-olds preschool class, the children worked on the letters Pp and Qq.

The stories this week include, *Career Day* and *When We Grow Up* by Anne Rockwell, *I Want to Be a Pilot*, and *Firefighter Tom to the Rescue!* by Charnan Simon.

For Science the children are discussing things they see in the sky.

In math the children work with patterning, playing Shamrock Bingo, and counting to 30.



Ms. Nancy's Pre-Kindergarten

This week the Pre-Kindergarten class learned about the letter Q by painting Quails with Q tips and making crayon rubbings with quarters! To celebrate International Week, students learned about the meaning of flags, cultures and different traditions. On Friday, in honor of St. Patrick the children will be making a leprechaun hat, going on a gold scavenger hunt and finally catching the mischievous leprechaun that has been loose in our classroom!

Looking Ahead...

- Learn about the letter R by making a rainbow.
- Celebrate the 1st day of spring on the 20th
- Continue to explore science tools.

Ms. Kim's Class

This week the students learned the letter R and when to use an exclamation point at the end of a sentence. We read the story "Let's Get Set" in our books. Make sure to ask your child what the story was about. The kindergarteners also worked on writing subtraction sentences using the minus and equal signs. They also identified when they should write a subtraction sentence and when they should write an addition sentence.

Second grade has been learning about sacrifices and how Jesus sacrificed himself to save us from sin. We have also begun learning about the Stations of the Cross.

Mrs. Sibick's Multi-age Classroom

First graders are learning about words with ier, iest endings. They have begun reading stories like *Animals in Africa* and *Mouse and Elephant* independently for fluency. Second grade is working on writing the cursive f and q. Those are tricky. There were many interesting articles in the magazine this week, including motorcycles and cars for the future, cheetahs, and things that go fast. Ask which was your child's favorite. First grade students just finished their chapter on comparing numbers < > = and which number is 1 more, 1 less, 10 more, or 10 less. They are excited to begin their next chapter. Second grade is finishing up adding numbers in the hundreds, such as 200 + 342. Students are learning about The Stations of the Cross. We have learned stations 1-3 this week, so far. They each have their own stations booklet to read and refer to. They look forward to reading the stations in church to you soon. This week two parents (Victoria's F. and Victoria's P) came to explain the culture of Poland. Thank you for locating it on a map, providing facts, and providing a treat. Victoria S. will share her poster on Poland and treats today with the class. On Friday, Anjelise's mom will discuss Mexico and share a folk dance with the class. This week the students worked on the Smartboard to learn about different types of weather and which can be dangerous. Have a great week!